

## EXHIBIT A

### Certificate of Coverage

(Referred to as "Booklet" in the following pages)

#### **Anthem Gold PPO 2000/20%/3500**



**Si necesita ayuda en español para entender este documento, puede solicitarla sin costo adicional, llamando al número de servicio al cliente.**

If you need Spanish-language assistance to understand this document, you may request it at no additional cost by calling the Member Services number.

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## **Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Notices**

### **Choice of Primary Care Physician**

We generally allow the designation of a Primary Care Physician (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a PCP, and for a list of PCPs, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or refer to our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

### **Access to Obstetrical and Gynecological (ObGyn) Care**

You do not need prior authorization from us or from any other person (including a PCP) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services or following a pre-approved treatment plan. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or refer to our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

## **Additional Federal Notices**

### **Statement of Rights under the Newborns' and Mother's Health Protection Act**

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending Provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the Plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

### **Statement of Rights under the Women's Cancer Rights Act of 1998**

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending Physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same Deductibles and Coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this Plan. (See the "Schedule of Benefits" for details.) If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call us at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Coverage for a Child Due to a Qualified Medical Support Order ("QMCSO")**

If you or your spouse are required, due to a QMCSO, to provide coverage for your child(ren), you may ask the Group to provide you, without charge, a written statement outlining the procedures for getting coverage for such child(ren).

### **Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act**

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act provides for parity in the application of aggregate treatment limitations (day or visit limits) on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder benefits with day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits. In general, group health plans offering mental health and substance use disorder benefits cannot set day/visit limits on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder benefits that are lower than any such day or visit limits for medical and surgical benefits. A plan that does not impose day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits may not impose such day or visit limits on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder benefits offered under the Plan. Also, the Plan may not impose Deductibles, Copayment, Coinsurance, and out of pocket expenses on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder benefits that are more restrictive than Deductibles, Copayment, Coinsurance and out of pocket expenses applicable to other medical and surgical benefits. Medical Necessity criteria are available upon request.

## Special Enrollment Notice

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your Dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your Dependents in this Plan if you or your Dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing towards your or your Dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after your or your Dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

In addition, if you have a new Dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement for foster care, you may be able to enroll yourself and Your Dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption or foster care. Eligible Subscribers and Dependents may also enroll under two additional circumstances:

- The Subscriber's or Dependent's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility; or
- The Subscriber or Dependent becomes eligible for a subsidy (state premium assistance program)

The Subscriber or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid/CHIP or of the eligibility determination.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, call us at the Member Services telephone number on your Identification Card, or contact the Group.

## Statement of ERISA Rights

Please note: This section applies to employer sponsored plans **other than** Church employer groups and government groups. If you have questions about whether this Plan is governed by ERISA, please contact the Plan Administrator (the Group).

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) entitles you, as a Member of the Group under this Contract, to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations such as worksites and union halls, all plan documents, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of all documents filed by this plan with the U.S. Department of Labor, such as detailed annual reports and plan descriptions;
- Obtain copies of all plan documents and other plan information upon written request to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for these copies; and
- Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary financial report.

In addition to creating rights for you and other employees, ERISA imposes duties on the people responsible for the operation of your employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan are called plan fiduciaries. They must handle your plan prudently and in the best interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your right under ERISA. If your claim for welfare benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you must receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You have the right to have your claims reviewed and reconsidered.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan Administrator and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide you the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials are not sent because of

reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If your claim for benefits is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. If plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. It may order you to pay these expenses, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous. If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

## **Notices Required by State Law**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE**

In the event you need to contact someone about this coverage for any reason please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance coverage, or if you have any additional questions you may contact Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield ("Anthem") at the following address:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Attention: Member Services  
Post Office Box 27401  
Richmond, VA 23279

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of *your* inquiry is maintained. When contacting your agent, Anthem, or the Bureau of Insurance, have your contract number ready.

### **Virginia Bureau of Insurance**

If you have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from Anthem, you may contact the Virginia Bureau of Insurance, 1300 East Main Street, P. O. Box 1157, Richmond, VA 23218, in Richmond (804) 371-9741, from outside Richmond (800) 552-7945, or at the national toll free number (877) 310-6560.

### **The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman**

If you have any questions regarding an appeal or grievance concerning the health care services that you have been provided which have not been satisfactorily addressed by your health plan, you may contact the Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman for assistance at any of the following:

The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman  
Bureau of Insurance  
P.O. Box 1157  
Richmond, VA 23218  
Telephone: 804-371-9032 (in Richmond) or 877-310-6560 (from outside Richmond)  
E-Mail: [ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov)

Web Page: Information regarding The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman may be found by accessing the State Corporation Commission's web page at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov>.

### **The Virginia Department of Health Office of Licensure and Certification**

If you have any questions regarding an appeal or grievance concerning the health care services that you have been provided which have not been satisfactorily addressed by Anthem, you may contact the Virginia Department of Health Office of Licensure and Certification for assistance at any of the following:

Office of Licensure and Certification  
Virginia Department of Health  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 401  
Henrico, VA 23230  
Telephone: Complaint Hotline: 800-955-1819 or Richmond Metropolitan Area: 804-367-2106  
Fax: 804-367-2149

## **Laws governing this health plan**

This health plan is entered into in, and is subject to the laws of, the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This coverage is a Managed Care Health Insurance Program subject to regulation in the Commonwealth of Virginia by both the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance pursuant to Title 38.2 and the Virginia Department of Health pursuant to Title 32.1.

Anthem is licensed to transact the business of an Accident & Sickness Insurer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Introduction

### Welcome to Anthem!

We are pleased that you have become a Member of our health insurance Plan. We want to make sure that our services are easy to use. We've designed this Booklet to give a clear description of your benefits, as well as our rules and procedures.

The Booklet explains many of the rights and duties between you and us. It also describes how to get health care, what services are covered, and what part of the costs you will need to pay. Many parts of this Booklet are related. Therefore, reading just one or two sections may not give you a full understanding of your coverage. You should read the whole Booklet to know the terms of your coverage.

This Booklet replaces any Booklet issued to you in the past. The coverage described is based upon the terms of the Group Contract issued to your Group, and the Plan that your Group chose for you. The Group Contract, this Booklet, and any endorsements, amendments or riders attached, form the entire legal contract under which Covered Services are available.

Many words used in the Booklet have special meanings (e.g., Group, Covered Services, and Medical Necessity). These words are capitalized and are defined in the "Definitions" section. See these definitions for the best understanding of what is being stated. Throughout this Booklet you will also see references to "we," "us," "our," "you," and "your." The words "we," "us," and "our" mean Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The words "you" and "your" mean the Member, Subscriber and each covered Dependent.

If you have any questions about your Plan, please be sure to call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card. Also be sure to check our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for details on how to find a Provider, get answers to questions, and access valuable health and wellness tips. Thank you again for enrolling in the Plan!

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### How to Get Language Assistance

Anthem is committed to communicating with our Members about their health Plan, no matter what their language is. Anthem employs a language line interpretation service for use by all of our Member Services call centers. Simply call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card and a representative will be able to help you. Translation of written materials about your benefits can also be asked for by contacting Member Services. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.



## **Identity Protection Services**

Identity protection services are available with our Anthem health plans. To learn more about these services, please visit [www.anthem.com/resources](http://www.anthem.com/resources).

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## Schedule of Benefits – Anthem Gold PPO 2000/20%/3500

In this section you will find an outline of the benefits included in your Plan and a summary of any Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Copayments that you must pay. Also listed are any Benefit Period Maximums or limits that apply. Please read the “What’s Covered” and Prescription Drugs section(s) for more details on the Plan’s Covered Services. Read the “What’s Not Covered” section for details on Excluded Services.

All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, Exclusions, limitations, and terms of this Booklet including any endorsements, amendments, or riders.

**To get the highest benefits at the lowest out-of-pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from an In-Network Provider.** Benefits for Covered Services are based on the Maximum Allowed Amount, which is the most the Plan will allow for a Covered Service. When you use an Out-of-Network Provider you may have to pay the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider’s billed charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount in addition to any Coinsurance, Copayments, Deductibles, and non-covered charges. This amount can be substantial. Please read the “Claims Payment” section for more details.

Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Benefit Period Maximums are calculated based upon the Maximum Allowed Amount, not the Provider’s billed charges.

**Essential Health Benefits provided within this Booklet are not subject to lifetime or annual dollar maximums. Certain non-essential health benefits, however, are subject to either a lifetime and/or dollar maximum.**

**Essential Health Benefits are defined by federal law and refer to benefits in at least the following categories:**

- Ambulatory patient services,
- Emergency services,
- Hospitalization,
- Maternity and newborn care,
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment,
- Prescription drugs,
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices,
- Laboratory services,
- Preventive and wellness services, and
- Chronic disease management and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

Such benefits shall be consistent with those set forth under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and any regulations issued pursuant thereto.

<b>Benefit Period</b>	Calendar Year
<b>Dependent Age Limit</b>	<p>To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26.</p> <p>Please see the “Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members” section for further details.</p>

<b>Deductible</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
Per Member	\$2,000	\$4,000
Per Family – All other Members combined	\$4,000	\$8,000
<p>If you, the Subscriber, are the only person covered by this Plan, only the “per Member” amounts apply to you.</p> <p>If you also cover Dependents (other family members) under this Plan, amounts will accumulate for each family member until the “per Family” amount is met, but no individual family member will contribute more than the “per Member” amount shown.</p> <p>The In-Network and Out-of-Network Deductibles are separate and cannot be combined.</p> <p>When the Deductible applies, you must pay it before benefits begin. See the sections below to find out when the Deductible applies.</p> <p>Copayments and Coinsurance are separate from and do not apply to the Deductible.</p>		

<b>Coinsurance</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
Plan Pays	80%	70%
Member Pays	20%	30%
<p>Reminder: Your Coinsurance will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount. If you use an Out-of-Network Provider, you may have to pay Coinsurance plus the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider’s billed charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount.</p> <p>Note: The Coinsurance listed above may not apply to all benefits, and some benefits may have a different Coinsurance. Please see the rest of this Schedule for details.</p>		

<b>Out-of-Pocket Limit</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
Per Member	\$3,500	\$7,000
Per Family – All other Members combined	\$7,000	\$14,000
<p>If you, the Subscriber, are the only person covered by this Plan, only the “per Member” amounts apply to you.</p> <p>If you also cover Dependents (other family members) under this Plan, amounts will accumulate for each family member until the “per Family” amount is met, but no individual family member will contribute more than the “per Member” amount shown.</p> <p>The Out-of-Pocket Limit includes all Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Copayments you pay during a Benefit Period unless otherwise indicated below. It does not include charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount or amounts you pay for non-Covered Services.</p>		



Out-of-Pocket Limit	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<p>The Out-of-Pocket Limit does not include amounts you pay for following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services listed under “Vision Services for Adult Members”</li> <li>• Out-of-Network Human Organ and Tissue Transplant services.</li> </ul> <p>Once the Out-of-Pocket Limit is satisfied, you will not have to pay any additional Deductibles, Coinsurance, or Copayments for the rest of the Benefit Period, except for the services listed above.</p> <p>The In-Network and Out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Limits are separate and do not apply toward each other.</p>		

### Important Notice about Your Cost Shares

In certain cases, if we pay a Provider amounts that are your responsibility, such as Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance, we may collect such amounts directly from you. You agree that we have the right to collect such amounts from you.

The tables below outline the Plan’s Covered Services and the cost share(s) you must pay. In many spots you will see the statement, “Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.” In these cases you should determine where you will receive the service (i.e., in a doctor’s office, at an outpatient hospital facility, etc.) and look up that location to find out which cost share will apply. For example, you might get physical therapy in a doctor’s office, an outpatient hospital facility, or during an inpatient hospital stay. For services in the office, look up “Office Visits.” For services in the outpatient department of a hospital, look up “Outpatient Facility Services.” For services during an inpatient stay, look up “Inpatient Services.”

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Allergy Services	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
Ambulance Services (Air and Water)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
Out-of-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount.		
Important Note: Air ambulance services for non-Emergency Hospital to Hospital transfers must be approved through precertification. Please see “Getting Approval for Benefits” for details.		
Ambulance Services (Ground)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
Out-of-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount.		
Important Note: All scheduled ground ambulance services for non-Emergency transfers, except transfers from one acute Facility to another, must be approved through precertification. Please see “Getting Approval for Benefits” for details.		

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Behavioral Health Services	See “Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.”	
Blood and Administration of Blood Products	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
Cardiac Rehabilitation	See “Therapy Services.”	
Chemotherapy	See “Therapy Services.”	
Chiropractor Services	See “Therapy Services.”	
Clinical Trials	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Dental Services For Pediatric Members</b> Note: Pediatric dental services are for members to the end of the month in which they turn 19. To get the In-Network benefit, you must use a participating dental Provider. If you need help finding a participating dental Provider, please call us at the number on the back of your ID card.		
• Diagnostic and Preventive Services	0% Coinsurance No Deductible	30% Coinsurance No Deductible
• Basic Restorative Services	40% Coinsurance after Deductible	50% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Endodontic Services	50% Coinsurance after Deductible	50% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Periodontal Services	50% Coinsurance after Deductible	50% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Oral Surgery Services	50% Coinsurance after Deductible	50% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Major Restorative Services	50% Coinsurance after Deductible	50% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Prosthodontic Services	50% Coinsurance after Deductible	50% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care	50% Coinsurance after Deductible	50% Coinsurance after Deductible

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Dental Services (All Members / All Ages)	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
Diabetes Equipment, Education, and Supplies	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under “Preventive Care.”		
Benefits for diabetic education are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.		
Diagnostic Services	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
Dialysis	See “Therapy Services.”	
Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, Medical and Surgical Supplies (Received from a Supplier)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
Prosthetics	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
The cost-shares listed above only apply when you get the equipment or supplies from a third-party supplier. If you receive the equipment or supplies as part of an office or outpatient visit, or during a Hospital stay, benefits will be based on the setting in which the covered equipment or supplies are received.		
Wigs Needed After Cancer Treatment Benefit Maximum	One wig per Benefit Period In- and Out-of-Network combined	
Emergency Room Services		
Emergency Room		
• Emergency Room Facility Charge	\$300 Copayment per visit after Deductible	
• Emergency Room Doctor Charge	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
• Other Facility Charges (including diagnostic x-ray and lab services, medical supplies)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
• Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
Out-of-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges over the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount.		

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Habilitative Services</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.  See "Therapy Services" for details on Benefit Maximums.	
<b>Home Care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Care Visits</li> <li>• Home Dialysis</li> <li>• Home Infusion Therapy</li> <li>• Specialty Prescription Drugs</li> <li>• Other Home Care Services / Supplies</li> </ul> Home Care Benefit Maximum  Private Duty Nursing Benefit Maximum	\$50 Copayment per visit  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  100 visits per Benefit Period In- and Out-of-Network combined The limit does not apply to Home Infusion Therapy or Home Dialysis.  16 hours per Benefit Period, In- and Out-of-Network combined.	
<b>Home Infusion Therapy</b>	See "Home Care."	
<b>Hospice Care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Care</li> <li>• Respite Hospital Stays</li> </ul> Out-of-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges over the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.	20% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible	
<b>Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services</b>	Please see the separate summary later in this section.	
<b>Infertility Services</b>	See "Maternity and Reproductive Health Services."	

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Inpatient Services</b>		
Facility Room & Board Charge:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hospital / Acute Care Facility</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Skilled Nursing Facility</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
Skilled Nursing Facility / Rehabilitation Services (Includes Services in an Outpatient Day Rehabilitation Program) Benefit Maximum	100 days per admission In- and Out-of-Network combined	
Other Facility Services / Supplies (including diagnostic lab/x-ray, medical supplies, therapies including infusion therapy services, anesthesia)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
Doctor Services for:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>General Medical Care / Evaluation and Management (E&amp;M)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surgery</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Lymphedema</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Maternity and Reproductive Health Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maternity Visits (Global fee for the ObGyn’s prenatal, postnatal, and delivery services)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inpatient Services (Delivery)</li></ul>	See “Inpatient Services.”	
<b>Newborn / Maternity Stays:</b> If the newborn needs services other than routine nursery care or stays in the Hospital after the mother is discharged (sent home), benefits for the newborn will be treated as a separate admission.		
<b>Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inpatient Facility Services</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residential Treatment Center Services</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inpatient Provider Services (e.g., Doctor and other professional Providers)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outpatient Facility Services (Partial Hospitalization Program / Intensive Outpatient Program)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outpatient Provider Services (e.g., Doctor and other professional Providers in a Partial Hospitalization Program / Intensive Outpatient Program)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Office Visits (Including Online Visits and Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Programs)</li></ul>	\$30 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services will be covered as required by state and federal law. Please see “Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act” in the “Additional Federal Notices” section for details.		
Occupational Therapy	See “Therapy Services.”	
Office Visits		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Primary Care Physician / Providers (PCP)</li></ul>	\$30 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Note:</b> If your PCP is part of our Enhanced Personal Health Care Program you will pay a \$25 Copayment per visit.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Specialty Care Physician / Provider (SCP)</li></ul>	\$50 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retail Health Clinic Visit</li></ul>	\$25 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Online Visit (Other than Mental Health &amp; Substance Use Disorder; see “Mental Health &amp; Substance Use Disorder Services” section for that benefit)</li></ul>	\$30 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Counseling – Includes Family Planning and Nutritional Counseling (Other Than Eating Disorders)</li></ul>	\$25 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nutritional Counseling for Eating Disorders</li></ul>	\$25 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allergy Testing</li></ul>	\$25 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allergy Shots / Injections (other than allergy serum)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preferred Diagnostic Labs (i.e., reference labs)</li></ul>	0% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Other Diagnostic Lab (non-preventive)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diagnostic X-ray (non-preventive)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Other Diagnostic Tests (non-preventive; including hearing and EKG)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)</li><li>Office Surgery</li><li>Therapy Services:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chiropractic Care &amp; Spinal Manipulation</li><li>Physical, Speech, &amp; Occupational Therapy</li><li>Dialysis / Hemodialysis</li><li>Radiation / Chemotherapy / Non-Preventive Infusion &amp; Injection</li><li>Cardiac Rehabilitation &amp; Pulmonary Therapy</li></ul></li><li>See "Therapy Services" for details on Benefit Maximums.</li><li>Prescription Drugs Administered in the Office (includes allergy serum)</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible  \$50 Copayment per visit  \$30 Copayment per visit  \$30 Copayment per visit  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  \$50 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible
Orthotics	See "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, Medical and Surgical Supplies."	
Outpatient Facility Services		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facility Surgery Charge</li><li>Other Facility Surgery Charges (including diagnostic x-ray and lab services, medical supplies)</li><li>Doctor Surgery Charges</li><li>Other Doctor Charges (including Anesthesiologist, Pathologist, Radiologist, Surgical Assistant)</li><li>Other Facility Charges (for procedure rooms or other ancillary services)</li><li>Diagnostic Lab</li><li>Diagnostic X-ray</li></ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible  20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible  30% Coinsurance after Deductible

<b>Benefits</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnostic Tests: Hearing, EKG, etc. (Non-Preventive)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chiropractic Care &amp; Spinal Manipulation</li> <li>Physical, Speech, &amp; Occupational Therapy</li> <li>Radiation / Chemotherapy / Non-Preventive Infusion &amp; Injection</li> <li>Dialysis / Hemodialysis</li> <li>Cardiac Rehabilitation &amp; Pulmonary Therapy</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>See "Therapy Services" for details on Benefit Maximums.</p>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible 20% Coinsurance after Deductible 20% Coinsurance after Deductible 20% Coinsurance after Deductible 20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible 30% Coinsurance after Deductible 30% Coinsurance after Deductible 30% Coinsurance after Deductible 30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prescription Drugs Administered in an Outpatient Facility</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Physical Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Preventive Care</b>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Prosthetics</b>	See "Prosthetics" under "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, Medical and Surgical Supplies."	
<b>Pulmonary Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Rehabilitation Services</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.  See "Inpatient Services" and "Therapy Services" for details on Benefit Maximums.	



Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Respiratory Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility</b>	See "Inpatient Services."	
<b>Speech Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Surgery</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Telemedicine</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Care Physician / Provider (PCP)</li> </ul>	\$30 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialty Care Physician / Provider (SCP)</li> </ul>	\$50 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Temporomandibular and Craniomandibular Joint Treatment</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Therapy Services</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
Benefit Maximum(s):	Benefit Maximum(s) are for In- and Out-of-Network visits combined, and for office and outpatient visits combined.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical &amp; Occupational Therapy (Rehabilitative)</li> </ul>	30 visits per Benefit Period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical &amp; Occupational Therapy (Habilitative)</li> </ul>	30 visits per Benefit Period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speech Therapy (Rehabilitative)</li> </ul>	30 visits per Benefit Period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speech Therapy (Habilitative)</li> </ul>	30 visits per Benefit Period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manipulation Therapy (Rehabilitative)</li> </ul>	30 visits per Benefit Period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manipulation Therapy (Habilitative)</li> </ul>	30 visits per Benefit Period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiac Rehabilitation</li> </ul>	Unlimited	

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note:</b> The limits for physical, occupational, and speech therapy will not apply if you get that care as part of the Hospice benefit.		
<b>Note:</b> When you get physical, occupational, speech therapy, or cardiac rehabilitation in the home, the Home Care Visit limit will apply instead of the Therapy Services limits listed above.		
Transplant Services	See “Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services.”	
<b>Urgent Care Services (Office Visits)</b>		
• Urgent Care Office Visit Charge	\$60 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Allergy Testing	\$60 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Allergy Shots / Injections (other than allergy serum)	\$60 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Preferred Diagnostic Labs (i.e., reference labs)	0% Coinsurance	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Other Charges (e.g., diagnostic x-ray and lab services, medical supplies)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Office Surgery	\$60 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Prescription Drugs Administered in the Office (includes allergy serum)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	30% Coinsurance after Deductible
If you get urgent care at a Hospital or other outpatient Facility, please refer to “Outpatient Facility Services” for details on what you will pay.		
<b>Vision Services For Pediatric Members</b>		
<b>Note:</b> Pediatric vision services are for members to the end of the month in which they turn 19. To receive the In-Network benefit, you must use a Blue View Vision provider. Visit our website or call the number on your ID card for help finding a Blue View Vision provider. Out-of-network providers may bill you for any charges that exceed the plan’s maximum allowed amount.		
<b>Note:</b> Pediatric vision services are not subject to any Deductible amounts shown in the “Deductible” section at the beginning of this “Schedule of Benefits.”		

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine Eye Exam Limited to one exam per Benefit Period per Member</li> </ul>	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard Plastic Lenses Limited to one set of lenses per Benefit Period per Member.</li> </ul>		
Single Vision	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
Bifocal	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
Trifocal	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
Standard Progressive	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
<b>Additional Lens Options:</b> Covered lenses include factory scratch coating, UV coating, standard polycarbonate and standard photochromic at no additional cost when received from In-Network providers.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frames Limited to one frame from the Anthem Formulary per Benefit Period per Member.</li> </ul>	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Lenses Elective or non-elective contact lenses from the Anthem formulary are covered once per Benefit Period per member.</li> </ul>		
Elective Contact Lenses (Conventional or Disposable)	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
Non-Elective Contact Lenses	\$0 Copayment	\$0 Copayment up to Maximum Allowed Amount
<b>Important Note:</b> Benefits for contact lenses are in lieu of your eyeglass lens benefit. If you receive contact lenses, no benefit will be available for eyeglass lenses until the next Benefit Period.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive low vision exam Limited to one per Benefit Period</li> </ul>	\$0 Copayment	Not covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optical/non-optical aids/Supplemental testing</li> </ul>	\$0 Copayment	Not covered

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Limited to one occurrence of either optical/non-optical aids or supplemental testing per Benefit Period.		
<b>Vision Services For Adult Members</b>		
<b>Note:</b> Adult vision services are for members age 19 and older. To get the In-Network benefit, you must use a Blue View Vision provider. Visit our website or call the number on your ID card for help in finding a Blue View Vision provider. Out-of-network providers may bill you for any charges that exceed the plan's maximum allowed amount.		
<b>Note:</b> Adult vision services are not subject to any Deductible amounts shown in the "Deductible" section at the beginning of this "Schedule of Benefits."		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Routine Eye Exam</li></ul> Limited to one exam per Benefit Period	\$20 Copayment	Reimbursed up to \$30
<b>Vision Services (All Members / All Ages)</b> (For medical and surgical treatment of injuries and/or diseases of the eye)		
Certain vision screenings required by Federal law are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.		Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.
<b>Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services</b>		
<b>Please call our Transplant Department as soon you think you may need a transplant to talk about your benefit options. You must do this <i>before</i> you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. To get the most benefits under your Plan, you must get certain human organ and tissue transplant services from an In-Network Transplant Provider.</b> Even if a Hospital is an In-Network Provider for other services, it may not be an In-Network Transplant Provider for certain transplant services. Please call us to find out which Hospitals are In-Network Transplant Providers. (When calling Member Services, ask for the Transplant Case Manager for further details.)		
<b>The requirements described below do not apply to the following:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cornea transplants, which are covered as any other surgery; and</li><li>Any Covered Services related to a Covered Transplant Procedure that you get before or after the Transplant Benefit Period. Please note that the initial evaluation, any added tests to determine your eligibility as a candidate for a transplant by your Provider, and the collection and storage of bone marrow/stem cells is included in the Covered Transplant Procedure benefit regardless of the date of service.</li></ul>		
Benefits for Covered Services that are not part of the Human Organ and Tissue Transplant benefit will be based on the setting in which Covered Services are received. Please see the "What's Covered" section for additional details.		

Transplant Benefit Period	In-Network Transplant Provider	Out-of-Network Transplant Provider
	Starts one day before a Covered Transplant Procedure and lasts for the applicable case rate / global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the In-Network Transplant Provider agreement. Call the Case Manager for specific In-Network Transplant Provider information for services received at or coordinated by an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility.	Starts one day before a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues to the date of discharge at an Out-of- Network Transplant Provider Facility.
Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period	In-Network Transplant Provider Facility	Out-of-Network Transplant Provider Facility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Precertification required</b></li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="841 1020 1097 1150">During the Transplant Benefit Period, 20% Coinsurance after Deductible.</p> <p data-bbox="841 1192 1146 1461">Before and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, Home Visits, or Office Visits depending where the service is performed.</p>	<p data-bbox="1174 1020 1498 1150">During the Transplant Benefit Period, You will pay 30% Coinsurance after Deductible.</p> <p data-bbox="1174 1182 1498 1430">During the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Transplant Procedure charges at an Out-of-Network Transplant Provider Facility will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.</p> <p data-bbox="1174 1465 1498 1749">If the Provider is also an In-Network Provider for this Plan (for services other than Covered Transplant Procedures), then you will <b>not</b> have to pay for Covered Transplant Procedure charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount.</p> <p data-bbox="1174 1785 1498 1902">If the Provider is an Out-of-Network Provider for this Plan, you <b>will</b> have to pay for Covered Transplant</p>

		<p>Procedure charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount.</p> <p>Prior to and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, Home Visits, or Office Visits depending where the service is performed.</p>
<b>Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period</b>	<b>In-Network Transplant Provider Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Providers</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Transplant Provider Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Providers</b>
	20% Coinsurance after Deductible.	30% Coinsurance after Deductible.
		These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
<b>Transportation and Lodging</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible.	30% Coinsurance after Deductible.
		These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
• <b>Transportation and Lodging Limit</b>	Covered, as approved by us	
<b>Unrelated donor searches from an authorized, licensed registry for bone marrow/stem cell transplants for a Covered Transplant Procedure</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible.	30% Coinsurance after Deductible.
		These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
• <b>Donor Search Limit</b>	Covered, as approved by us, up to \$30,000 per transplant In- and Out-of-Network combined	
<b>Live Donor Health Services</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible.	30% Coinsurance after Deductible.
		These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
• <b>Donor Health Service Limit</b>	Medically Necessary charges for getting an organ from a live donor are covered up to our Maximum Allowed Amount, including complications from the donor	

procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement.

**Prescription Drug Retail Pharmacy and Home Delivery (Mail Order) Benefits**

**In-Network**

**Out-of-Network**

Each Prescription Drug will be subject to a cost share (e.g., Copayment / Coinsurance) as described below. If your Prescription Order includes more than one Prescription Drug, a separate cost share will apply to each covered Drug.

**Day Supply Limitations** – Prescription Drugs will be subject to various day supply and quantity limits. Certain Prescription Drugs may have a lower day-supply limit than the amount shown below due to other Plan requirements such as prior authorization, quantity limits, and/or age limits and utilization guidelines.

Retail Pharmacy (In-Network and Out-of-Network)

30 days

**Note:** A 90-day supply is available at Maintenance Pharmacies.

When you get a 90-day supply at a Maintenance Pharmacy, three (3) Retail Pharmacy Copayments (one for each 30-day period) will apply. When you get a 30-day supply, one Copayment per Prescription Order will apply.

Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy

90 days

Specialty Pharmacy (In-Network and Out-of-Network)

30 days\*

\*See additional information in the "Specialty Drug Copayments / Coinsurance" section below.

**Note:** For FDA-approved, self-administered Hormonal Contraceptives, up to a 12-month supply is covered when dispensed or furnished at one time by a Provider or pharmacist, or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense Drugs or supplies.

**Retail Pharmacy Copayments / Coinsurance:**

Tier 1 Prescription Drugs	\$10 Copayment per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance
Tier 2 Prescription Drugs	\$40 Copayment per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance
Tier 3 Prescription Drugs	\$75 Copayment per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance
Tier 4 Prescription Drugs	25% Coinsurance to a maximum of \$350 per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance

**Home Delivery Pharmacy Copayments / Coinsurance:**

Tier 1 Prescription Drugs	\$25 Copayment per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance
Tier 2 Prescription Drugs	\$120 Copayment per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance

<b>Prescription Drug Retail Pharmacy and Home Delivery (Mail Order) Benefits</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
Tier 3 Prescription Drugs	\$225 Copayment per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance
Tier 4 Prescription Drugs	25% Coinsurance to a maximum of \$350 per Prescription Drug	30% Coinsurance
<b>Specialty Drug Copayments / Coinsurance:</b>		
Please note that certain Specialty Drugs are only available from the Specialty Pharmacy and you will not be able to get them at a Retail Pharmacy or through the Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy. Please see "Specialty Pharmacy" in the section "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" for further details. When you get Specialty Drugs from the Specialty Pharmacy, you will have to pay the same Copayments / Coinsurance you pay for a 30-day supply at a Retail Pharmacy. If you do not use the Specialty Pharmacy, benefits will be covered at the Out-of-Network level.		



## How Your Plan Works

### Introduction

Your Plan is a PPO plan. The Plan has two sets of benefits: In-Network and Out-of-Network. If you choose an In-Network Provider, you will pay less in out-of-pocket costs, such as Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance. If you use an Out-of-Network Provider, you will have to pay more out-of-pocket costs.

### In-Network Services

When you use an In-Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services will be covered at the In-Network level. Regardless of Medical Necessity, benefits will be denied for care that is not a Covered Service. We have final authority to decide the Medical Necessity of the service.

**In-Network Providers** include Primary Care Physicians / Providers (PCPs), Specialists (Specialty Care Physicians / Providers - SCPs), other professional Providers, Hospitals, and other Facilities who contract with us to care for you. Referrals are never needed to visit an In-Network Specialist, including behavioral health Providers.

To see a Doctor, call their office:

- Tell them you are an Anthem Member,
- Have your Member Identification Card handy. The Doctor's office may ask you for your group or Member ID number.
- Tell them the reason for your visit.

When you go to the office, be sure to bring your Member Identification Card with you.

**Note:** Some provider practices participate in our networks as both Primary Care Providers and Urgent Care Centers. If the practice is not your Primary Care Provider, you may be responsible for the Urgent Care office visit cost share.

For services from In-Network Providers:

1. You will not need to file claims. In-Network Providers will file claims for Covered Services for you. (You will still need to pay any Coinsurance, Copayments, and/or Deductibles that apply.) You may be billed by your In-Network Provider(s) for any non-Covered Services you get or when you have not followed the terms of this Booklet.
2. Precertification will be done by the In-Network Provider. (See the "Getting Approval for Benefits" section for further details.)

Please read the "Claims Payment" section for additional information on Authorized Services.

### After Hours Care

If you need care after normal business hours, your Doctor may have several options for you. You should call your Doctor's office for instructions if you need care in the evenings, on weekends, or during the holidays and cannot wait until the office reopens. If you have an Emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

## **Out-of-Network Services**

When you do not use an In-Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services are covered at the Out-of-Network level, unless otherwise indicated in this Booklet. You do not have to get a referral.

For services from an Out-of-Network Provider:

1. The Out-of-Network Provider can charge you the difference between their bill and the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount plus any Deductible and/or Coinsurance/Copayments;
2. You may have higher cost sharing amounts (i.e., Deductibles, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments);
3. You will have to pay for services that are not Medically Necessary;
4. You will have to pay for non-Covered Services;
5. You may have to file claims; and
6. You must make sure any necessary Precertification is done. (Please see "Getting Approval for Benefits" for more details.)

## **How to Find a Provider in the Network**

There are three ways you can find out if a Provider or Facility is in the network for this Plan. You can also find out where they are located and details about their license or training.

- See your Plan's directory of In-Network Providers at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com), which lists the Doctors, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this Plan's network. To locate In-Network Providers, select "Find A Doctor", choose the type of provider you are searching for, your location, and under "What insurance plan would you like to use", select KeyCare.
- Call Member Services to ask for a list of Doctors and Providers that participate in this Plan's network, based on specialty and geographic area.
- Check with your Doctor or Provider.

Please note that not all In-Network Providers offer all services. For example, some Hospital-based labs are not part of our Reference Lab Network. In those cases you will have to go to a lab in our Reference Lab Network to get In-Network benefits. Please call Member Services before you get services for more information.

If you need details about a Provider's license or training, or help choosing a Doctor who is right for you, call the Member Services number on the back of your Member Identification Card. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.

## **Enhanced Personal Health Care Program**

Certain Primary Care Providers are part of our Enhanced Personal Health Care Program, a program aimed at improving the quality of our Members' health care. Providers in this program agree to coordinate much of your care and will prepare care plans for Members who have multiple, complex health conditions.

Providers in this program have met certain quality requirements, including standards from the National Committee on Quality Assurance, the American Diabetes Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and others. We encourage you to use these Providers whenever possible.

## Continuity of Care

If your In-Network Provider leaves our network for any reason other than termination for cause, and you are in an active course of treatment, you may be able to continue seeing that Provider for a limited period of time and still get In-Network benefits. “Active course of treatment” for any course of medically necessary continuing care includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) An ongoing course of treatment for a life-threatening condition,
- 2) An ongoing course of treatment for a serious acute condition (examples include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and post-operative visits),
- 3) The second or third trimester of pregnancy and through the postpartum period for that delivery,
- 4) Members who are terminally ill as defined by the Social Security Act, or
- 5) An ongoing course of treatment for a health condition for which the Physician or health care Provider attests that discontinuing care by the current Physician or Provider would worsen your condition or interfere with anticipated outcomes.

An “active course of treatment” includes treatments for mental health and substance use disorders.

For Members who are terminally ill, coverage is extended for the remainder of the person’s life for the direct care of the terminal illness. For Members who are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy, coverage is extended through the postpartum care for that delivery. In all other circumstances, you may be able to continue seeing that Provider for 90 days. If you wish to continue seeing the same Provider, you or your Doctor should contact Member Services for details.

In the absence of proper authorization for coverage at the In-Network level, you may choose to receive services on an out-of-plan basis.

## Your Cost-Shares

Your Plan may involve Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance, which are charges that you must pay when receiving Covered Services. Your Plan may also have an Out-of-Pocket Limit, which limits the cost-shares you must pay. Please read the “Schedule of Benefits” for details on your cost-shares. Also read the “Definitions” section for a better understanding of each type of cost share.

## Crediting Prior Plan Coverage

If you were covered by the Group’s prior carrier / plan immediately before the Group signs up with us, with no break in coverage, then you will get credit for any accrued Deductible and, if applicable and approved by us, Out of Pocket amounts under that other plan. This does not apply to people who were not covered by the prior carrier or plan on the day before the Group’s coverage with us began, or to people who join the Group later.

If your Group moves from one of our plans to another, (for example, changes its coverage from HMO to PPO), and you were covered by the other product immediately before enrolling in this product with no break in coverage, then you may get credit for any accrued Deductible and Out of Pocket amounts, if applicable and approved by us. Any maximums, when applicable, will be carried over and charged against the maximums under this Plan.

If your Group offers more than one of our products, and you change from one product to another with no break in coverage, you will get credit for any accrued Deductible and, if applicable, Out of Pocket amounts and any maximums will be carried over and charged against maximums under this Plan.

If your Group offers coverage through other products or carriers in addition to ours, and you change products or carriers to enroll in this product with no break in coverage, you will get credit for any accrued Deductible, Out of Pocket, and any maximums under this Plan.

**This Section Does Not Apply To You If:**

- Your group moves to this Plan at the beginning of a Benefit Period;
- You change from one of our individual policies to a group plan;
- You change employers; or
- You are a new Member of the Group who joins the Group after the Group's initial enrollment with us.

## **The BlueCard Program**

Like all Blue Cross & Blue Shield plans throughout the country, we participate in a program called "BlueCard," which provides services to you when you are outside our Service Area. For more details on this program, please see "Inter-Plan Arrangements" in the "Claims Payment" section.

## **Identification Card**

We will give an Identification Card to each Member enrolled in the Plan. When you get care, you must show your Identification Card. Only a Member who has paid the Premiums for this Plan has the right to services or benefits under this Booklet. If anyone gets services or benefits to which they are not entitled to under the terms of this Booklet, he/she must pay for the actual cost of the services.

## Getting Approval for Benefits

Your Plan includes the process of Utilization Review to decide when services are Medically Necessary or Experimental/Investigational as those terms are defined in this Booklet. Utilization Review aids the delivery of cost-effective health care by reviewing the use of treatments and, when proper, level of care and/or the setting or place of service that they are performed.

Certain Services must be reviewed to determine Medical Necessity in order for you to get benefits. Utilization Review criteria will be based on many sources including coverage and clinical guidelines. Anthem may decide that a service that was asked for is not Medically Necessary if a clinically equivalent treatment that is more cost effective is available and appropriate.

If you have any questions about the information in this section, you may call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

**Coverage for or payment of the service or treatment reviewed is not guaranteed even if we decide your services are Medically Necessary. For benefits to be covered, on the date you get service:**

1. You must be eligible for benefits;
2. Premium must be paid for the time period that services are given;
3. The service or supply must be a Covered Service under your Plan;
4. The service cannot be subject to an Exclusion under your Plan; and
5. You must not have exceeded any applicable limits under your Plan.

## Types of Reviews

- **Pre-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which is done before the service or treatment begins or admission date.
  - **Precertification** – A required Pre-service Review for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment. Certain services require Precertification in order for you to get benefits. The benefit coverage review will include a review to decide whether the service meets the definition of Medical Necessity or is Experimental / Investigational as those terms are defined in this Booklet. For admissions following Emergency Care, you, your authorized representative or Doctor must tell us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. For childbirth admissions, Precertification is not required for the first 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section. Childbirth admissions continuing beyond 48/96 hours from delivery require precertification. Continued Stay admissions occur when there is a problem and/or the mother and baby are not sent home at the same time.
- **Continued Stay / Concurrent Review** - A Utilization Review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which must be done during an ongoing stay in a facility or course of treatment.

Both Pre-Service and Continued Stay / Concurrent Reviews may be considered urgent when, in the view of the treating Provider or any Doctor with knowledge of your medical condition, without such care or treatment, your life or health or your ability to regain maximum function could be seriously threatened or you could be subjected to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without such care or treatment. Urgent reviews are conducted under a shorter timeframe than standard reviews.

- **Post-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage that is conducted after the service has been provided. Post-service reviews are performed when a service, treatment or admission did not need a Precertification, or when a needed Precertification was not obtained. Post-service reviews are done for a service, treatment or admission in which we have a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by us.

## Who is Responsible for Precertification?

Typically, In-Network Providers know which services need Precertification and will get any Precertification when needed. Your Primary Care Physician and other In-Network Providers have been given detailed information about these procedures and are responsible for meeting these requirements. Generally, the ordering Provider, Facility or attending Doctor ("requesting Provider") will get in touch with us to ask for a Precertification. However, you may request a Precertification or you may choose an authorized representative to act on your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older. The table below outlines who is responsible for Precertification and under what circumstances.

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
In Network	Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Provider must get Precertification when required</li> </ul>
Out of Network/ Non-Participating	Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services.)</li> <li>Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary.</li> </ul>
Blue Card Provider	Member (Except for Inpatient Admissions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services.)</li> <li>Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary.</li> <li><b>Blue Card Providers must obtain precertification for all Inpatient Admissions.</b></li> </ul>
<b>NOTE: For an Emergency Care admission, precertification is not required. However, you, your authorized representative or Doctor must tell us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time.</b>		

## How Decisions are Made

We use our clinical coverage guidelines and other applicable policies and procedures to help make our Medical Necessity decisions. This includes decisions about Prescription Drugs as detailed in the section "**Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider.**" Coverage and clinical guidelines reflect the standards of practice and medical interventions identified as proper medical practice. We reserve the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines from time to time.

You are entitled to ask for and get, free of charge, reasonable access to any records concerning your request. To ask for this information, call the Precertification phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

If you are not satisfied with our decision under this section of your benefits, please refer to the “Grievance/Appeals and External Review Procedures” section to see what rights may be available to you.

## Decision and Notice Requirements

We will review requests for benefits according to the timeframes listed below. The timeframes and requirements listed are based on state and federal laws. Where state laws are stricter than federal laws, we will follow state laws. If you live in and/or get services in a state other than the state where your Contract was issued other state-specific requirements may apply. You may call the phone number on the back of your Identification Card for more details.

Type of Review	Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification
Urgent Pre-service Review	72 hours from the receipt of request
Non-Urgent Pre-service Review	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Urgent Concurrent / Continued Stay Review when request is received more than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request
Urgent Concurrent / Continued Stay Review when request is received less than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization or no previous authorization exists	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Non-urgent Concurrent / Continued Stay Review for ongoing outpatient treatment	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Post-Service Review	30 calendar days from the receipt of the request

If more information is needed to make our decision, we will tell the requesting Provider of the specific information needed to finish the review. If we do not get the specific information we need by the required timeframe, we will make a decision based upon the information we have.

We will notify you and your Provider of our decision as required by state and federal law. Notice may be given by one or more of the following methods: verbal, written, and/or electronic.

## Important Information

Anthem may, from time to time, waive, enhance, change or end certain medical management processes (including utilization management, case management, and disease management) and/or offer an alternate benefit if in our sole discretion, such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

We may also select certain qualifying Providers to take part in a program or a Provider arrangement that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. We may also exempt your claim from medical review if certain conditions apply.

Just because Anthem exempts a process, Provider or Claim from the standards which otherwise would apply, it does not mean that Anthem will do so in the future, or will do so in the future for any other Provider, claim or Member. Anthem may stop or change any such exemption with or without advance notice.

You may find out whether a Provider is taking part in certain programs or a Provider arrangement by checking your on-line Provider Directory or contacting the Member Services number on the back of your ID card.

We also may identify certain Providers to review for potential fraud, waste, abuse or other inappropriate activity if the claims data suggests there may be inappropriate billing practices. If a Provider is selected under this program, then we may use one or more clinical utilization management guidelines in the review of claims submitted by this Provider, even if those guidelines are not used for all Providers delivering services to this Plan's Members.

## **Health Plan Individual Case Management**

Our health plan individual case management programs (Case Management) help coordinate services for Members with health care needs due to serious, complex, and/or chronic health conditions. Our programs coordinate benefits and educate Members who agree to take part in the Case Management Program to help meet their health-related needs.

Our Case Management programs are confidential and voluntary and are made available at no extra cost to you. These programs are provided by, or on behalf of and at the request of, your health plan case management staff. These Case Management programs are separate from any Covered Services you are receiving.

If you meet program criteria and agree to take part, we will help you meet your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and team work with you and/or your chosen representative, treating Doctor(s), and other Providers.

In addition, we may assist in coordinating care with existing community-based programs and services to meet your needs. This may include giving you information about external agencies and community-based programs and services.

In certain cases of severe or chronic illness or injury, we may provide benefits for alternate care that is not listed as a Covered Service. We may also extend Covered Services beyond the Benefit Maximums of this Plan. We will make our decision case-by-case, if in our discretion the alternate or extended benefit is in the best interest of you and Anthem and you or your authorized representative agree to the alternate or extended benefit in writing. A decision to provide extended benefits or approve alternate care in one case does not obligate us to provide the same benefits again to you or to any other Member. We reserve the right, at any time, to alter or stop providing extended benefits or approving alternate care. In such case, we will notify you or your authorized representative in writing.



## **What's Covered**

This section describes the Covered Services available under your Plan. Covered Services are subject to all the terms and conditions listed in this Booklet, including, but not limited to, Benefit Maximums, Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance, Exclusions and Medical Necessity requirements. Please read the "Schedule of Benefits" for details on the amounts you must pay for Covered Services and for details on any Benefit Maximums. Also be sure to read "How Your Plan Works" for more information on your Plan's rules. Read the "What's Not Covered" section for important details on Excluded Services.

Your benefits are described below. Benefits are listed alphabetically to make them easy to find. Please note that several sections may apply to your claims. For example, if you have surgery, benefits for your Hospital stay will be described under "Inpatient Hospital Care" and benefits for your Doctor's services will be described under "Inpatient Professional Services." As a result, you should read all sections that might apply to your claims.

You should also know that many of Covered Services can be received in several settings, including a Doctor's office, an Urgent Care Facility, an Outpatient Facility, or an Inpatient Facility. Benefits will often vary depending on where you choose to get Covered Services, and this can result in a change in the amount you need to pay. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits" for more details on how benefits vary in each setting.

### **Allergy Services**

Your Plan includes benefits for Medically Necessary allergy testing and treatment, including allergy serum and allergy shots.

### **Ambulance Services**

Medically Necessary ambulance services are a Covered Service when:

- You are transported by a state licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used only to transport the sick and injured and staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, or other certified medical professionals. This includes ground, water, fixed wing, and rotary wing air transportation.

And one or more of the following criteria are met:

- For ground ambulance, you are taken:
  - From your home, the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
  - Between Hospitals, including when we require you to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to an In-Network Hospital
  - Between a Hospital and a Skilled Nursing Facility or other approved Facility.
- For air or water ambulance, you are taken:
  - From the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
  - Between Hospitals, including when we require you to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to an In-Network Hospital
  - Between a Hospital and an approved Facility.

Ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. Emergency ground ambulance services do not require precertification and are allowed regardless of whether the Provider is an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider.

Non-Emergency ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. When using an air ambulance for non-Emergency transportation, we reserve the right to select the air ambulance Provider. If you do not use the air ambulance Provider we select, the Out-of-Network Provider may bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.

You must be taken to the nearest Facility that can give care for your condition. In certain cases we may approve benefits for transportation to a Facility that is not the nearest Facility.

Benefits also include Medically Necessary treatment of a sickness or injury by medical professionals from an ambulance service, even if you are not taken to a Facility.

Ambulance services are not covered when another type of transportation can be used without endangering your health. Ambulance services for your convenience or the convenience of your family or Doctor are not a Covered Service.

Other non-covered ambulance services include, but are not limited to, trips to:

- a) A Doctor's office or clinic;
- b) A morgue or funeral home.

### **Important Notes on Air Ambulance Benefits**

Benefits are only available for air ambulance when it is not appropriate to use a ground or water ambulance. For example, if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and your medical condition requires a more rapid transport to a Facility than the ground ambulance can provide, the Plan will cover the air ambulance. Air ambulance will also be covered if you are in an area that a ground or water ambulance cannot reach.

Air ambulance will not be covered if you are taken to a Hospital that is not an acute care Hospital (such as a Skilled Nursing Facility), or if you are taken to a Physician's office or your home.

### **Hospital to Hospital Transport**

If you are moving from one Hospital to another, air ambulance will only be covered if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and if the Hospital that first treats cannot give you the medical services you need. Certain specialized services are not available at all Hospitals. For example, burn care, cardiac care, trauma care, and critical care are only available at certain Hospitals. To be covered, you must be taken to the closest Hospital that can treat you. **Coverage is not available for air ambulance transfers simply because you, your family, or your Provider prefers a specific Hospital or Physician.**

### **Behavioral Health Services**

See "Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services" later in this section.

### **Blood and Administration of Blood Products**

Your Plan includes coverage for blood and the administration of blood products for the treatment of hemophilia and congenital bleeding disorders.

### **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Chemotherapy**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Chiropractor Services**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Clinical Trials**

Benefits include coverage for services, such as routine patient care costs, given to you as a participant in an approved clinical trial if the services are Covered Services under this Plan. An “approved clinical trial” means a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that studies the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening conditions. The term life-threatening condition means any disease or condition from which death is likely unless the disease or condition is treated.

Benefits are limited to the following trials:

1. Federally funded trials approved or funded by one of the following:
  - a. The National Institutes of Health.
  - b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - c. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.
  - d. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
  - e. Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in (a) through (d) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - f. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
  - g. Any of the following in i-iii below if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines 1) to be comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health, and 2) assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
    - i. The Department of Veterans Affairs.
    - ii. The Department of Defense.
    - iii. The Department of Energy.
2. Studies or investigations done as part of an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration;
3. Studies or investigations done for drug trials which are exempt from the investigational new drug application.

Your Plan may require you to use an In-Network Provider to maximize your benefits.

Routine patient care costs include items, services, and drugs provided to you in connection with an approved clinical trial that would otherwise be covered by this Plan.

All requests for clinical trials services, including services that are not part of approved clinical trials, will be reviewed according to our Clinical Coverage Guidelines, related policies and procedures.

Your Plan is not required to provide benefits for the following services. We reserve our right to exclude any of the following services:

- i. The Investigational item, device, or service; or
- ii. Items and services that are given only to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; or
- iii. A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis;
- iv. Any item or service that is paid for, or should have been paid for, by the sponsor of the trial.

## **Dental Services**

### **Your Dental Benefits**

Dental care treatment decisions are made by you and your dentist. We cover treatment based on what benefits you have, not whether the care is medically or dentally necessary. The only exception is when you get orthodontic care — we do review those services to make sure they're appropriate. Also, services for tooth reimplantation will be covered if medically necessary.

### **Pretreatment Estimates**

When you need major dental care, like crowns, root canals, dentures/bridges, oral surgery, or braces — it is best to go over a care or treatment plan with your dentist beforehand. It should include a “pretreatment estimate” so you know what it will cost.

You or your dentist can send us the pretreatment estimate to get an idea of how much of the cost your benefits will cover. Then you can work with your dentist to make financial arrangements, before you start treatment.

### **Dental Providers**

Every plan has a network of dentists to choose from. You can go to any dentist, whether they're in your network or not. But you'll almost always pay less for the same level of care if you see a dentist in your network. Also, dentists in your network will send claims for care directly to us. When you go out of network, you may have to pay up front — then you'll submit claims to us for reimbursement.

For help finding a dentist in your network, log in to [anthem.com/mydentalvision](https://anthem.com/mydentalvision) and go to Find a Doctor. When it asks for the type of doctor, choose dentist. You can also call the Member Services number on your dental ID card for help.

### **Dental Services For Pediatric Members**

The following dental care services are covered for members until the end of the month in which they turn age 19. All covered services are subject to the terms, limitations and exclusions of this Plan. See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable deductible, coinsurance, copayment, and other benefit limitations.

### **Diagnostic and Preventive Services**

**Oral Exams** – Two oral exams are covered every 12 months.

#### **Radiographs (X-rays)**

- Bitewings – covered at 1 series per 12 month period
- Full Mouth (also called complete series) – covered once per 60-month period.

- Panoramic – covered once per 60-month period.
- Periapical(s) and extraorals – covered as needed per diagnosis.
- Occlusal – 2 per 12-month period

**Dental Cleaning (Prophylaxis)** – covered 2 times per 12 months. Prophylaxis is a procedure to remove plaque, tartar (calculus), and stain from teeth.

**Fluoride Treatment (topical application or fluoride varnish)** – covered 2 times per 12 month period

**Sealants** – covered once per tooth per lifetime for permanent first and second molars. Sealants will not be covered if placed over restorations or if tooth has existing caries (decay).

**Space Maintainers (fixed unilateral, fixed bilateral, removable unilateral).** Covered once per 24 months per tooth per quadrant (unilateral), per arch (bilateral). Repair or replacement of lost/broken appliances are not covered.

**Recementation of Space Maintainer**

**Other Adjunctive Diagnostic and Preventive Services**

- Therapeutic drug injections, by report.
- Drugs or medicaments, by report
- Treatment of complications (post surgical), by report

**Diagnostic Casts**

**Basic Restorative Services**

**Emergency Treatment (also called palliative treatment).** Covered for the temporary relief of pain or infection.

**Consultation, Hospital Call**

**Office Visits** (after regular scheduled hours, no other service provided)

**Therapeutic Parenteral drug injection-multiple injections, Other Drugs and/or Medicaments**

**Application of desensitizing medicament**

**Behavior Management,** by report

**Treatment of complications (post-surgical) unusual circumstances**

**Resin Based Composite Resin crown**

**Brush biopsy**

**Fillings (restorations).** Covered 1 time per tooth surface in a 12 month period. Fillings are covered when placed on primary or permanent teeth. There are two types of fillings covered under this plan:

- Amalgam: These are silver fillings that are used to restore decayed or fractured covered posterior (back) teeth.
- Composite Resin: These are tooth-colored fillings that are used to restore decayed or fractured anterior (front) teeth. If you choose to have a composite resin filling placed on a back tooth, we will pay up to the maximum allowed amount for an amalgam filling. You will be responsible to pay the difference if the dentist charges more, plus any applicable deductible and/or coinsurance.

## **Endodontic Services**

### **Endodontic Therapy**

- Pulpotomies. Covered once per tooth per lifetime. Covered for primary teeth only. Will not be covered if billed with root canal therapy.
- Pulp cap (direct or indirect).
- Gross pulpal debridement. Covered on primary or permanent teeth.
- Pulpal therapy. Covered once per tooth per lifetime. Covered for primary teeth only.
- Root Canal Therapy. Covered once per tooth per lifetime
- Root Canal Retreatment. Covered once per tooth per lifetime

### **Other Endodontic Treatments**

- Apexification. Covered once per tooth per lifetime. Coverage includes initial visit, interim medication replacement (limited to 3 treatments) and final visit.
- Pulpal Regeneration. Limited to once per tooth per lifetime.
- Apicoectomy/Periradicular Surgery. Limited to one per tooth per lifetime.
- Retrograde filling. Limited to one per tooth per lifetime.

## **Periodontal Services**

**Periodontal Maintenance.** This procedure includes periodontal evaluation, removing bacteria from the gum pocket areas, measuring the gum pocket areas, and scaling and polishing of the teeth. Any combination of this procedure and dental cleanings (see Diagnostic and Preventive Services above) is covered 4 times per 12 months

**Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing.** This is a non-surgical periodontal service to treat diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Covered once per 24 months per quadrant.

**Emergency room services provided by a dentist** – only covers occlusal orthotic devices.

**Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty.** Covered once per 24 months per quadrant.

**Gingival flap procedure.** Covered once per 24 months per quadrant.

**Apically positioned flap procedure.** Covered once per 24 months.

**Crown Lengthening** – Covered once per lifetime.

**Full Mouth Debridement.** This is a non-surgical periodontal service to treat diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Covered once per 12 months.

**Osseous Surgery** – covered once per 60 months per quadrant.

### **Provisional Splinting**

**Complex Surgical Periodontal Care.** These services are surgical treatment for diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Covered for permanent teeth only.

- Bone replacement graft
- Pedicle soft tissue graft.
- Subepithelial connective tissue graft.

## **Oral Surgery Services**

### **Basic Extractions**

- Removal of coronal remnants (retained pieces of the crown portion of the tooth) on primary teeth

- Extraction of erupted tooth or exposed root

**Complex Surgical Extractions.** Surgical removal of 3<sup>rd</sup> molars is covered only when symptoms or oral pathology exists.

- Surgical removal of erupted tooth
- Surgical removal of impacted tooth
- Surgical removal of residual tooth roots

#### **Other Oral Surgery Procedures**

- Incision and drainage of abscess (intraoral soft tissue)
- Biopsy of oral tissue
- Alveoloplasty. Covered once per quadrant per lifetime.
- Frenulectomy, Frenuloplasty. Covered once per lifetime.
- Tooth Reimplantation and/or stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth – Covered only when medically necessary.
- Removal of odontogenic cyst, tumor or lesion.
- Sinus perforation
- Oroantral fistula closure
- Mobilization to aid eruption
- Removal of exostosis (per site), torus palatinus and mandibularis and surgical reduction of tuberosity
- Occlusal orthotic device, by report
- Excision of hyperplastic tissue- per arch, pericoronal gingiva

**Intravenous and Non-Intravenous Conscious Sedation and General Anesthesia** – covered only when given with covered oral surgery services. Local anesthesia is included in restorative services and surgical fees and is not separately reimbursed.

#### **Major Restorative Services**

**Pre-fabricated, Stainless Steel or Temporary Crown** – covered as needed per pathology. A temporary crown is not covered as a separate service when used while waiting for fabrication of a permanent crown, as it is included in the benefit for a permanent crown.

**Protective Restorations** – not covered in conjunction with root canal therapy, pulpotomy, pulpectomy, or on the same date of services as another restoration.

**Onlays or Permanent Crowns.** Covered one time per 60 month period. Only covered on a permanent tooth. To be covered, the tooth must have extensive loss of natural structure due to decay or tooth fracture so that another restoration (such as a filling or an inlay) cannot be used to restore the tooth. We will pay up to the maximum allowed amount for one of the following types of crowns: high noble metal, porcelain only, or metal/porcelain. If you choose to have another type of crown, you are responsible to pay for the difference, plus any applicable deductible and/or coinsurance.

**Recement an Onlay or Crown** Covered 6 months after initial placement.

**Recement cast or prefabricated post and core**

**Core Build Up.** Includes any pins.

**Cast and Prefabricated Post and Core (in addition to crown).**

**Labial Veneers** – covered once per 60 months per tooth. Considered as an alternative to a full restoration for an endodontically treated tooth.

### **Crown Repair**

**Inlay, Onlay and Veneer repair** necessitated by restorative material failure

**Occlusal Guards (for grinding and clenching of teeth).**

### **Prosthodontic Services**

**Dentures and Partials (removable prosthodontic services).** Covered 1 time per 60 month period for the replacement of extracted (removed) permanent teeth. If you have an existing denture or partial, a replacement is only covered if 60 months has passed and it cannot be repaired or adjusted. Immediate dentures are covered 1 time per lifetime

**Bridges (fixed prosthodontic services which includes the retainer (a part of the bridge which is cemented to the tooth providing support for the bridge) and pontic (the artificial tooth that replaces a missing tooth)).** Covered 1 time per 60 month period for the replacement of extracted (removed) permanent teeth. If you have an existing bridge, a replacement is only covered if at least 60 months has passed and it cannot be repaired or adjusted. In order for the bridge to be covered:

- A natural healthy and sound tooth is present to serve as the anterior and posterior retainer;
- There are no other missing teeth in the same arch that have been replaced with a removable partial denture;

And none of the individual units (teeth) of the bridge has had a crown or cast restoration covered under this plan in last 5 years;

The plan will cover the least costly, commonly performed course of treatment. If there are multiple missing teeth, the plan may cover a removable partial denture instead of the bridge. If you still choose to get the bridge, you will be responsible to pay the difference in cost, plus any applicable deductible and/or coinsurance.

**Denture adjustments** – covered once 6 months has passed from the initial placement of the denture.

### **Denture or bridge repair**

**Reline (chairside or laboratory).** Covered 1 time per 24 months as long as the appliance (denture or partial) is the permanent appliance. Covered once 6 months has passed from the initial placement of the appliance.

### **Tissue Conditioning**

**Overdentures (Complete and Partial Upper and Lower)** We will pay up to the Maximum Allowed Amount for an upper and lower complete denture or partial denture. If you still choose to have an overdenture, you will have to pay the difference any Deductible and/or Coinsurance for the covered benefit.

**Recementation of Bridge (fixed prosthetic).**

**Feeding aids (maxillofacial prosthetic).**

**Occlusal Orthotic Device.** Covered only for temporomandibular pain, dysfunction or associated musculature.

**Fixed Appliance Therapy for Harmful Habits.** Covered once per lifetime.



## **Orthodontic Care**

Orthodontic Care is the prevention and correction of malocclusion of teeth and associated dental and facial disharmonies. Talk to your dental provider about getting a pretreatment estimate for your orthodontic treatment plan, so you have an idea upfront what the treatment and the costs will be. Your dental provider should send it to us so we can help you understand how much is covered under this plan.

### **Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care**

This plan will only cover orthodontic care that is Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care. To be considered Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care, at least one of these must be present:

- a. Spacing between adjacent teeth which interferes with your biting function;
- b. Overbite that causes the lower front (anterior) teeth to impinge on the roof of your mouth when you bite;
- c. The position of your jaw or teeth impairs your ability to bite or chew; or
- d. On an objective, professional orthodontic severity index, your condition scores consistent with needing for orthodontic care.

### **What Orthodontic Care May Include**

- Limited Treatment. – A treatment usually given for minor tooth movement and is not a full treatment case.
- Interceptive Treatment (also known as phase I treatment). This is a limited treatment that is used to prevent or lessen the need for more involved treatment in the future.
- Comprehensive or Complete Treatment. A full kind of treatment that includes all radiographs, diagnostic casts and models, orthodontic appliances and office visits.
- Removable Appliance Therapy. Treatment that uses an appliance that is removable and not cemented or bonded to the teeth. Includes appliances for thumb sucking and tongue thrusting and replacement of lost or broken retainer.
- Fixed Appliance Therapy-harmful habits. Treatment that uses an appliance that is cemented or bonded to the teeth. Covered once per lifetime.
- Complex Surgical Procedures. Surgical procedures given for orthodontic reasons, such as exposure impacted or unerupted teeth.
- Repair of orthodontic appliance and removable retainers and recementing of fixed retention.

### **How We Pay For Orthodontic Care**

Because orthodontic treatment usually occurs over a long period of time, payments are made over the course of your treatment. In order for us to continue to pay for your orthodontic care, you must have continuous coverage under this plan.

The first payment for orthodontic care is made when treatment begins. Treatment begins when the appliances are installed. Your dental provider should submit the necessary forms telling us when your appliance is installed. Payments are then made a six month intervals until the treatment is finished or coverage under this plan ends.

If your orthodontic treatment is already in progress (the appliance has been installed) when you begin coverage under this plan, the orthodontic treatment benefit under this coverage will be on a pro-rated basis. We will only cover the portion of orthodontic treatment that you are given while covered under this plan. We will not pay for any portion of your treatment that was given before your effective date under this plan.

### **What Orthodontic Care Does NOT Include:**

- Monthly treatment visits that are billed separately – these costs should already be included in the cost of treatment;
- Orthodontic retention or retainers that are billed separately – these costs should already be included in the cost of treatment. This does not apply for lost or broken retainers.

- Retreatment and services given due to a relapse;
- Inpatient or outpatient hospital expenses, unless covered by the medical benefits of this plan.

## **Dental Services (All Members / All Ages)**

### **Preparing the Mouth for Medical Treatments**

Your Plan includes coverage for dental services to prepare the mouth for medical services and treatments such as radiation therapy to treat cancer and prepare for transplants. Covered Services include:

- Evaluation
- Dental x-rays
- Extractions, including surgical extractions
- Anesthesia

### **Treatment of Accidental Injury**

Benefits are also available for dental work needed to treat injuries to the jaw, teeth, mouth or face as a result of an accident. An injury that results from chewing or biting is not considered an Accidental Injury under this Plan, unless the chewing or biting results from a medical or mental condition. Dental appliances required to diagnose or treat an accidental injury to the teeth, and the repair of dental appliances damaged as a result of accidental injury to the jaw, mouth or face, are also covered.

### **Hospitalization for Anesthesia and Dental Procedures**

Your plan includes coverage of general anesthesia and hospitalization services for children under the age of 5, covered persons who are severely disabled, and covered persons who have a medical condition that requires admission to a hospital or Outpatient surgery facility. These services are only provided when it is determined by a licensed dentist, in consultation with the covered person's treating physician that such services are required to effectively and safely provide dental care.

## **Diabetes Equipment, Education, and Supplies**

Your Plan covers medical supplies, equipment, and education for diabetes care for all diabetics. This includes coverage for the following:

- insulin pumps;
- home blood glucose monitors, lancets, blood glucose test strips, syringes, and hypodermic needles and syringes when purchased from a pharmacy; and
- outpatient self-management training and education performed in-person; including medical nutrition therapy, when provided by a certified, licensed, or registered health care professional.

Diabetic education may be received from pharmacies that are authorized to perform this service. Contact the pharmacy to determine if they are authorized to perform this service. Your Plan also covers treatment of corns, calluses and care of toenails for patients with diabetes or vascular disease.

Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under Preventive Care.

## **Diagnostic Services**

Your Plan includes benefits for tests or procedures to find or check a condition when specific symptoms exist, as well as benefits for interpretation of diagnostic tests such as imaging, pathology reports, and cardiology. Tests must be ordered by a Provider and include diagnostic services ordered before a surgery or Hospital admission. Benefits include the following services:

## **Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology Services**

- Laboratory and pathology tests, such as blood tests.
- Genetic tests, when allowed by us.

## **Diagnostic Sleep Testing**

## **Diagnostic Imaging Services and Electronic Diagnostic Tests**

- X-rays / regular imaging services
- Radiology (including mammograms), ultrasound or nuclear medicine
- Electrocardiograms (EKG)
- Electroencephalography (EEG)
- Echocardiograms
- Hearing and vision tests for a medical condition or injury (not for screenings or preventive care)
- Tests ordered before a surgery or admission.

## **Advanced Imaging Services**

Benefits are also available for advanced imaging services, which include but are not limited to:

- CT scan
- CTA scan
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)
- Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy (MRS)
- Nuclear Cardiology
- PET scans
- PET/CT Fusion scans
- QTC Bone Densitometry
- Diagnostic CT Colonography
- Single photon emission computed tomography (SPPECT) scans

The list of advanced imaging services may change as medical technologies change.

## **Dialysis**

See “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices, Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Medical and Surgical Supplies**

### **Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices**

Your Plan includes benefits for durable medical equipment and medical devices when the equipment meets the following criteria:

- Is meant for repeated use and is not disposable.
- Is used for a medical purpose and is of no further use when medical need ends.
- Is meant for use outside a medical Facility.
- Is only for the use of the patient.
- Is made to serve a medical use.
- Is ordered by a Provider.

Benefits include purchase-only equipment and devices (e.g., crutches and customized equipment), purchase or rent-to-purchase equipment and devices (e.g., Hospital beds and wheelchairs), and continuous rental equipment and devices (e.g., oxygen concentrator, ventilator, and negative pressure wound therapy devices). Continuous rental equipment must be approved by us. We may limit the amount of coverage for ongoing rental of equipment. We may not cover more in rental costs than the cost of simply purchasing the equipment.

Benefits include repair and replacement costs as well as supplies and equipment needed for the use of the equipment or device, for example, a battery for a powered wheelchair.

Oxygen and equipment for its administration are also Covered Services. Benefits are also available for cochlear implants, nebulizers, traction equipment, and walkers.

## **Orthotics**

Benefits are available for certain types of orthotics (braces, boots, splints). Covered Services include the initial purchase, fitting, adjustment, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part.

## **Prosthetics**

Your Plan also includes benefits for prosthetics and components when they are Medically Necessary for activities of daily living. A prosthetic device is an artificial substitute to replace, in whole or in part, a limb or body part, such as an arm, leg, foot or eye. Coverage is also included for the repair, fitting, adjustments and replacement of a prosthetic device. In addition, components for artificial limbs are covered. Components are the materials and equipment needed to ensure the comfort and functioning of the prosthetic device.

Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Artificial limbs and components (the materials and equipment needed to ensure the comfort and functioning of the prosthetic device);
- 2) Breast prosthesis (whether internal or external) after a mastectomy, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act.
- 3) Colostomy and other ostomy (surgical construction of an artificial opening) supplies directly related to ostomy care.
- 4) Restoration prosthesis (composite facial prosthesis)
- 5) Wigs needed after cancer treatment.

## **Medical and Surgical Supplies**

Your Plan includes coverage for medical and surgical supplies that serve only a medical purpose, are used once, and are purchased (not rented). Covered supplies include syringes, needles, surgical dressings, splints, and other similar items that serve only a medical purpose. Covered Services do not include items often stocked in the home for general use like Band-Aids, thermometers, and petroleum jelly.

## **Medical Formulas**

Your Plan covers special medical formulas which are the primary source of nutrition for covered persons with inborn errors of amino acid or organic acid metabolism, metabolic abnormality or severe protein or soy allergies. These formulas must be prescribed by a physician and required to maintain adequate nutritional status.

## **Devices and Supplies for Sleep Treatment**

Your Plan includes coverage for devices and supplies, such as APAP, CPAP, BPAP and oral devices for sleep treatment. These services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us.

## **Early Intervention Services**

Your Plan covers early intervention services for dependents from birth to age three who are certified by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services ("the Department") as eligible for services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. These services consist of:

- speech and language therapy;
- occupational therapy;
- physical therapy; and
- assistive technology services and devices.

Early intervention services for the population certified by the Department are those services listed above which are determined to be Medically Necessary by the Department and designed to help an individual attain or retain the capability to function age-appropriately within his environment. This shall include services which enhance functional ability without effecting a cure. Benefits for services listed shall not be limited by the exclusion of services that are not Medically Necessary. The benefit maximums for physical, occupational, and speech therapy will not apply if you get that care as part of the Early Intervention benefit.

## **Emergency Care Services**

If you are experiencing an Emergency please call 911 or visit the nearest Hospital for treatment.

### **Emergency Services**

Benefits are available in a Hospital Emergency Room for services and supplies to treat the onset of symptoms for an Emergency, which is defined below.

### **Emergency (Emergency Medical Condition)**

"Emergency," or "Emergency Medical Condition" means a medical or behavioral health condition of recent onset and sufficient severity, including but not limited to, severe pain, that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, sickness, or injury is of such a nature that not getting immediate medical care could result in: (a) placing the patient's mental or physical health or the health of another person in serious danger or, for a pregnant women, placing the women's health or the health of her unborn child in serious danger; (b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. Such conditions include but are not limited to, chest pain, stroke, poisoning, serious breathing problems, unconsciousness, severe burns or cuts, uncontrolled bleeding, or seizures and such other acute conditions as may be determined to be Emergencies by us.

### **Emergency Care**

"Emergency Care" means a medical or behavioral health exam done in the Emergency Department of a Hospital, and includes services routinely available in the Emergency Department to evaluate an Emergency Medical Condition. It includes any further medical or behavioral health exams and treatment required to stabilize the patient. "Stabilize means to provide treatment that assures that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a facility, or with respect to a pregnant woman, that the woman has delivered, including the placenta."

Medically Necessary services will be covered whether you get care from an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Emergency Care you get from an Out-of-Network Provider will be covered as an In-Network service, but you may have to pay the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount, as well as any applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or Deductible.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for Emergency Care from an Out-of-Network Provider will be the greatest of the following:

1. The amount negotiated with In-Network Providers for the Emergency service, or if more than one amount is negotiated, the median of these amounts;
2. The amount for the Emergency service calculated using the same method we generally use to determine payments for Out-of-Network services but substituting the In-Network cost-sharing for the Out-of-Network cost-sharing; or
3. The amount that would be paid under Medicare for the Emergency service.

If you are admitted to the Hospital from the Emergency Room, be sure that you or your Doctor calls us as soon as possible. We will review your care to decide if a Hospital stay is needed and how many days you should stay. See "Getting Approval for Benefits" for more details. If you or your Doctor do not call us, you may have to pay for services that are determined to be not Medically Necessary.

Treatment you get after your condition has stabilized is not Emergency Care. If you continue to get care from an Out-of-Network Provider, Covered Services will be covered at the Out-of-Network level unless we agree to cover them as an Authorized Service.

## **Habilitative Services**

Benefits also include habilitative health care services and devices that help you keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, medical devices, and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section for further details.

## **Home Care Services**

Benefits are available for Covered Services performed by a Home Health Care Agency or other Provider in your home. To be eligible for benefits, you must essentially be confined to the home, as an alternative to a Hospital stay, and be physically unable to get needed medical services on an outpatient basis. Services must be prescribed by a Doctor and the services must be so inherently complex that they can be safely and effectively performed only by qualified, technical, or professional health staff.

Covered Services include but are not limited to:

- Intermittent skilled nursing services by an R.N. or L.P.N.
- Medical / social services
- Diagnostic services
- Nutritional guidance
- Training of the patient and/or family/caregiver
- Home health aide services. You must be receiving skilled nursing or therapy. Services must be given by appropriately trained staff working for the Home Health Care Provider. Other organizations may give services only when approved by us, and their duties must be assigned and supervised by a professional nurse on the staff of the Home Health Care Provider.

- Therapy Services (except for Manipulation Therapy which will not be covered when given in the home)
- Medical supplies
- Durable medical equipment

When available in your area, benefits are also available for Intensive In-home Behavioral Health Services. These do not require confinement to the home. These services are described in the “Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services” section below.

## Home Infusion Therapy

See “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## Hospice Care

The services and supplies listed below are Covered Services when given by a Hospice for the palliative care of pain and other symptoms that are part of a terminal disease. Palliative care means care that controls pain and relieves symptoms, but is not meant to cure a terminal illness. Covered Services include:

- Care from an interdisciplinary team with the development and maintenance of an appropriate plan of care.
- Short-term Inpatient Hospital care when needed in periods of crisis or as respite care. Coverage includes short-term inpatient care, including both respite care and procedures necessary for pain control and acute chronic symptom management. Respite care means non-acute inpatient care for the covered person in order to provide the covered person's primary caregiver a temporary break from caregiving responsibilities.
- Skilled nursing services, home health aide services, and homemaker services given by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Social services and counseling services from a licensed social worker.
- Nutritional support such as intravenous feeding and feeding tubes.
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory therapy given by a licensed therapist.
- Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and supplies needed for pain management and the palliative care of your condition, including oxygen and related respiratory therapy supplies.
- Bereavement (grief) services, including a review of the needs of the bereaved family and the development of a care plan to meet those needs, both before and after the Member's death. Bereavement services are available to surviving Members of the immediate family for one year after the Member's death. Immediate family means your spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, brothers and sisters.

Your Doctor and Hospice medical director must certify that you are terminally ill and likely have less than six months to live. Your Doctor must agree to care by the Hospice and must be consulted in the development of the care plan. The Hospice must keep a written care plan on file and give it to us upon request.

Benefits for Covered Services beyond those listed above, such as chemotherapy and radiation therapy given as palliative care, are available to a Member in Hospice. These additional Covered Services will be covered under other parts of this Plan.

## **Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services**

Your Plan includes coverage for Medically Necessary human organ and tissue transplants. Certain transplants (e.g., cornea) are covered like any other surgery, under the regular inpatient and outpatient benefits described elsewhere in this Booklet.

This section describes benefits for certain Covered Transplant Procedures that you get during the Transplant Benefit Period. Any Covered Services related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received before or after the Transplant Benefit Period, are covered under the regular Inpatient and outpatient benefits described elsewhere in this Booklet

In this section, you will see some key terms, which are defined below:

### **Covered Transplant Procedure**

As decided by us, any Medically Necessary human organ, tissue, and stem cell / bone marrow transplants and infusions including necessary acquisition procedures, mobilization, collection and storage. It also includes Medically Necessary myeloablative or reduced intensity preparative chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or a combination of these therapies.

### **In-Network Transplant Provider**

A Provider that we have chosen as a Center of Excellence and/or a Provider selected to take part as an In-Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. The Provider has entered into a Transplant Provider Agreement to give Covered Transplant Procedures to you and take care of certain administrative duties for the transplant network. A Provider may be an In-Network Transplant Provider for:

- Certain Covered Transplant Procedures; or
- All Covered Transplant Procedures.

### **Out-of-Network Transplant Provider**

Any Provider that has **NOT** been chosen as a Center of Excellence by us or has not been selected to take part as an In-Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

### **Transplant Benefit Period**

At an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts one day before a Covered Transplant Procedure and lasts for the applicable case rate / global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the In-Network Transplant Provider agreement. Call the Case Manager for specific In-Network Transplant Provider details for services received at or coordinated by an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility.

At an Out-of-Network Transplant Provider Facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts one day before a Covered Transplant Procedure and lasts until the date of discharge.

### **Prior Approval and Precertification**

**To maximize your benefits, you should call our Transplant Department as soon as you think you may need a transplant to talk about your benefit options. You must do this before you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant.** We will help you maximize your benefits by giving you coverage information, including details on what is covered and if any clinical coverage guidelines, medical policies, In-Network Transplant Provider rules, or Exclusions apply. Call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. Even if we give a



prior approval for the Covered Transplant Procedure, you or your Provider must call our Transplant Department for Precertification prior to the transplant whether this is performed in an Inpatient or Outpatient setting.

Precertification is required before we will cover benefits for a transplant. Your Doctor must certify, and we must agree, that the transplant is Medically Necessary. Your Doctor should send a written request for Precertification to us as soon as possible to start this process. Not getting Precertification will result in a denial of benefits.

Please note that there are cases where your Provider asks for approval for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, donor searches and/or a collection and storage of stem cells prior to the final decision as to what transplant procedure will be needed. In these cases, the HLA testing and donor search charges will be covered as routine diagnostic tests. The collection and storage request will be reviewed for Medical Necessity and may be approved. However, such an approval for HLA testing, donor search and/or collection and storage is NOT an approval for the later transplant. A separate Medical Necessity decision will be needed for the transplant.

## **Donor Benefits**

Benefits for an organ donor are as follows:

- When both the person donating the organ and the person getting the organ are our covered Members, each will get benefits under their Plan.
- When the person getting the organ is our covered Member, but the person donating the organ is not, benefits under this Plan are limited to benefits not available to the donor from any other source. This includes, but is not limited to, other insurance, grants, foundations, and government programs.
- If our covered Member is donating the organ to someone who is not a covered Member, benefits are not available under this Plan.

## **Transportation and Lodging**

We will cover the cost of reasonable and necessary travel costs when you get prior approval and need to travel more than 75 miles from your permanent home to reach the Facility where the Covered Transplant Procedure will be performed. Our help with travel costs includes transportation to and from the Facility, and lodging for the patient and one companion. If the Member receiving care is a minor, then reasonable and necessary costs for transportation and lodging may be allowed for two companions. You must send itemized receipts for transportation and lodging costs in a form satisfactory to us when claims are filed. Call us for complete information.

For lodging and ground transportation benefits, we will cover costs up to the current limits set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

Non-Covered Services for transportation and lodging include, but are not limited to:

- Child care,
- Mileage within the medical transplant Facility city,
- Rental cars, buses, taxis, or shuttle service, except as specifically approved by us,
- Frequent Flyer miles,
- Coupons, Vouchers, or Travel tickets,
- Prepayments or deposits,

- Services for a condition that is not directly related, or a direct result, of the transplant,
- Phone calls,
- Laundry,
- Postage,
- Entertainment,
- Travel costs for donor companion/caregiver,
- Return visits for the donor for a treatment of an illness found during the evaluation.
- Meals.

## **Infertility Services**

Please see “Maternity and Reproductive Health Services” later in this section.

## **Inpatient Services**

### **Inpatient Hospital Care**

Covered Services include acute care in a Hospital setting.

Benefits for room, board, and nursing services include:

- A room with two or more beds.
- A private room. The most the Plan will cover for private rooms is the Hospital’s average semi-private room rate unless it is Medically Necessary that you use a private room for isolation and no isolation facilities are available.
- A room in a special care unit approved by us. The unit must have facilities, equipment, and supportive services for intensive care or critically ill patients.
- Routine nursery care for newborns during the mother’s normal Hospital stay.
- Meals, special diets.
- General nursing services.

Benefits for ancillary services include:

- Operating, childbirth, and treatment rooms and equipment.
- Prescribed Drugs.
- Anesthesia, anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Provider.
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies (including hypodermic needles and syringes), casts, and splints.
- Blood and blood products.
- Diagnostic services.
- Therapy services, including infusion therapy services.

### **Inpatient Professional Services**

Covered Services include:

- Medical care visits.
- Intensive medical care when your condition requires it.
- Treatment for a health problem by a Doctor who is not your surgeon while you are in the Hospital for surgery. Benefits include treatment by two or more Doctors during one Hospital stay when the nature or severity of your health problem calls for the skill of separate Doctors.

- A personal bedside exam by another Doctor when asked for by your Doctor. Benefits are not available for staff consultations required by the Hospital, consultations asked for by the patient, routine consultations, phone consultations, or EKG transmittals by phone.
- Surgery and general anesthesia.
- Newborn exam. A Doctor other than the one who delivered the child must do the exam.
- Professional charges to interpret diagnostic tests such as imaging, pathology reports, and cardiology.

## Lymphedema

Your Plan includes benefits for expenses incurred in connection with the treatment of lymphedema, including benefits for equipment, supplies, complex decongestive therapy, and outpatient self management training and education.

## Maternity and Reproductive Health Services

### Maternity Services

Covered Services include services needed during a normal or complicated pregnancy and for services needed for a miscarriage. Covered maternity services for enrolled female spouses and dependents include:

- Pregnancy testing;
- Professional and Facility services for childbirth including use of the delivery room and care for normal deliveries, in a Facility or the home including the services of an appropriately licensed nurse midwife;
- Anesthesia services to provide partial or complete loss of sensation before delivery;
- Routine nursery care for the newborn during the mother's normal Hospital stay, including circumcision of a covered male Dependent;
- Prenatal, postnatal and postpartum services for the mother (including maternity-related checkups);
- Home care visit(s) for postpartum care;
- Postnatal services for the baby, including behavioral assessment and measurement; hemoglobinopathies screening; gonorrhea prophylactic medication; hypothyroidism screening, PKU screening and Rh incompatibility testing; and
- Fetal screenings, which are genetic or chromosomal tests of the fetus, as allowed by us. The term also means anatomical, biochemical or biophysical tests, to better define the likelihood of generic and/or chromosomal anomalies.

If you are pregnant on your Effective Date and in the first trimester of the pregnancy, you must change to an In-Network Provider to have Covered Services covered at the In-Network level. If you are pregnant on your Effective Date and in your second or third trimester of pregnancy (13 weeks or later) as of the Effective Date, benefits for obstetrical care will be available at the In-Network level even if an Out-of-Network Provider is used if you fill out a Continuation of Care Request Form and send it to us. Covered Services will include the obstetrical care given by that Provider through the end of the pregnancy and the immediate post-partum period.

**Important Note About Maternity Admissions:** Under federal law, we may not limit benefits for any Hospital length of stay for childbirth for the mother or newborn to less than 48 hours after vaginal birth, or less than 96 hours after a cesarean section (C-section). However, federal law as a rule does not stop the mother's or newborn's attending Provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours, or 96 hours, as applicable. In any case, as provided by federal law, we may not require a Provider to get authorization from us before prescribing a length of stay which is not more than 48 hours for a vaginal birth or 96 hours after a C-section.

## Contraceptive Benefits

Benefits include oral contraceptive Drugs, injectable contraceptive Drugs and patches. Benefits also include contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants

Certain contraceptives are covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit. Please see that section for further details.

## Sterilization Services

Benefits include sterilization services and services to reverse a non-elective sterilization that resulted from an illness or injury. Reversals of elective sterilizations are not covered. Sterilizations for women are covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit.

## Abortion Services

Benefits include services for a therapeutic abortion, which is an abortion recommended by a Provider, performed to save the life of the mother, or as a result of incest or rape. The Plan will also cover elective abortions.

## Infertility Services

**Important Note:** Although this Plan offers limited coverage of certain infertility services, it does not cover all forms of infertility treatment. Benefits do not include assisted reproductive technologies (ART) or the diagnostic tests and Drugs to support it. Examples of ART include artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), or gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT).

Covered Services include diagnostic tests to find the cause of infertility, such as diagnostic laparoscopy, endometrial biopsy, and semen analysis. Benefits also include services to treat the underlying medical conditions that cause infertility (e.g., endometriosis, obstructed fallopian tubes, and hormone deficiency). Fertility treatments such as artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization are not a Covered Service.

## Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Covered Services include the following:

- **Inpatient Services** in a Hospital or any Facility that we must cover per state law. Inpatient benefits include individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, psychological testing, counseling with family members to assist with the patient’s diagnosis and treatment, electroconvulsive therapy, detoxification, and rehabilitation.
- **Residential Treatment** which is specialized 24-hour treatment in a licensed Residential Treatment Center or intermediate care Facility that offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  - Observation and assessment by a physician weekly or more often,
  - Rehabilitation, therapy, and education.
- **Outpatient Services** including office visits, therapy and treatment, Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment Programs, Intensive Outpatient Programs and (when available in your area) Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Services. Covered services include individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, psychological testing and medication management visits (visits to your physician to make sure that the medication you are taking for a mental health or substance use disorder is working and the dosage is right for you).
- **Online Visits** when available in your area. Covered Services include a medical visit with the Doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or

other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to doctors outside the online care panel, benefit precertification, or Doctor to Doctor discussions.

Examples of Providers from whom you can receive Covered Services include:

- Psychiatrist,
- Psychologist,
- Neuropsychologist,
- Licensed clinical social worker (L.C.S.W.),
- Mental health clinical nurse specialist,
- Licensed marriage and family therapist (L.M.F.T.),
- Licensed professional counselor (L.P.C) or
- Any agency licensed by the state to give these services, when we have to cover them by law.

## Occupational Therapy

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## Office Visits and Doctor Services

Covered Services include:

**Office Visits** for medical care (including second surgical opinions) to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury.

**Home Visits** for medical care to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury. Please note that Doctor visits in the home are different than the “Home Care Services” benefit described earlier in this Booklet.

**Retail Health Clinic Care** for limited basic health care services to Members on a “walk-in” basis. These clinics are normally found in major pharmacies or retail stores. Health care services are typically given by Physician’s Assistants or Nurse Practitioners. Services are limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children.

**Walk-In Doctor’s Office** for services limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children. You do not have to be an existing patient or have an appointment to use a walk-in Doctor’s office.

**Urgent Care** as described in “Urgent Care Services” later in this section.

**Online Visits** when available in your area. Covered Services include a medical visit with the Doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to doctors outside the online care panel, benefit precertification, or Doctor to Doctor discussions. For Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Online Visits, see the “Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services” section.

## Prescription Drugs Administered in the Office

## Orthotics

See “Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices, Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Medical and Surgical Supplies” earlier in this section.

## Outpatient Facility Services

Your Plan includes Covered Services in an:

- Outpatient Hospital,
- Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility,
- Mental Health / Substance Use Disorder Facility, or
- Other Facilities approved by us.

Benefits include Facility and related (ancillary) charges, when proper, such as:

- Surgical rooms and equipment,
- Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs,
- Anesthesia and anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Facility,
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies (including hypodermic needles and syringes), casts, and splints,
- Blood and blood products,
- Diagnostic services,
- Therapy services.

## Physical Therapy

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## Preventive Care

Preventive care includes screenings and other services for adults and children. All recommended preventive services will be covered as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and applicable state law. This means many preventive care services are covered with no Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance when you use an In-Network Provider.

Certain benefits for Members who have current symptoms or a diagnosed health problem may be covered under the “Diagnostic Services” benefit instead of this benefit, if the coverage does not fall within the state or ACA-recommended preventive services.

Covered Services fall under the following broad groups:

1. Services with an “A” or “B” rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Examples include screenings for:
  - a. Breast cancer,
  - b. Cervical cancer,
  - c. Colorectal cancer,
  - d. High blood pressure,
  - e. Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus,
  - f. Cholesterol,
  - g. Child and adult obesity.
2. Immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
3. Preventive care and screenings for adults, including:

- a. Screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm, alcohol misuse, colorectal cancer, high blood pressure, Type 2 Diabetes, cholesterol, depression, Hepatitis B and C, HIV, lung cancer, obesity, syphilis, and tobacco use,
  - b. Counseling for alcohol misuse, nutrition, obesity, sexually transmitted infection prevention,
  - c. Smoking and tobacco cessation products, including nicotine patches and gum when obtained with a prescription,
  - d. Aspirin use to prevent cardiovascular disease.
4. Preventive care and screenings for infants, children and adolescents as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including;
  - a. Assessments for alcohol and drug use, behavioral, oral health risk,
  - b. Medical history,
  - c. BMI measurement,;
  - d. Screenings for autism (18 and 24months),
  - e. Screenings for blood pressure, cervical dysplasia, depression, development, dyslipidemia, hematocrit or hemoglobin, Hepatitis, B, HIV, lead, obesity, sexually transmitted infection (STI), tuberculin, hearing and vision,
  - f. Counseling for obesity and STI,
  - g. Fluoride chemoprevention supplements for children without fluoride in their water source.
5. Preventive care and screening for women as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including:
  - a. Women's contraceptives including all Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization treatments, and counseling. Contraceptive coverage includes Generic and single-source Brand Drugs as well as injectable contraceptives and patches. Contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants are also covered. Multi-source Brand Drugs will be covered as a Preventive Care benefit when Medically Necessary according to your attending Provider, otherwise they will be covered under the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy." For FDA-approved, self-administered Hormonal Contraceptives, up to a 12-month supply is covered when dispensed or furnished at one time by a Provider or pharmacist, or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense Drugs or supplies.
  - b. Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling. Benefits for breast pumps are limited to one pump per pregnancy.
  - c. Certain pregnancy screenings including, but not limited to, Hepatitis, Rh incompatibility, urinary track or other infection, and anemia, along with gestational diabetes screening for women 24 to 28 weeks pregnant and those at high risk of developing gestational diabetes. Expanded tobacco intervention and counseling for pregnant users is also included.
  - d. Testing for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) every three years for women who are 30 or older and at high risk, regardless of Pap smear results.
  - e. Annual screening and counseling for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) for sexually active women.
  - f. Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence.
  - g. Screening for osteoporosis.
  - h. Well woman visits, including counseling for breast cancer genetic testing (BRCA screenings).
  - i. Breast cancer risk-reducing medications (chemoprevention) for women who are at increased risk for breast cancer and at low risk for adverse medication effects.
6. Preventive care services for tobacco cessation for Members age 18 and older as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force including:
  - a. Counseling

- b. Prescription Drugs
- c. Nicotine replacement therapy products when prescribed by a Provider, including over the counter (OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches.

Prescription drugs and OTC items are limited to a no more than 180 day supply per 365 days.

7. Prescription Drugs and OTC items identified as an A or B recommendation by the United States Preventive Services Task Force when prescribed by a Provider including:

- a. Aspirin
- b. Folic acid supplement
- c. Vitamin D supplement
- d. Bowel preparations

Please note that certain age and gender and quantity limitations apply.

8. Counseling services related to nutrition.

You may call Member Services at the number on your Identification Card for more details about these services or view the federal government's web sites, <https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits>, <http://www.ahrq.gov>, and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>.

In addition to the Federal requirements above, preventive coverage also includes the following Covered Services as required by state law:

- Routine screening mammograms
- Routine annual Pap tests including coverage for testing performed by any FDA-approved gynecologic cytology screening technologies;
- Routine annual prostate specific antigen testing and digital rectal exams for male enrollees age 40 and older.

## **Prosthetics**

See "Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices, Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Medical and Surgical Supplies" earlier in this section.

## **Pulmonary Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Radiation Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Rehabilitation Services**

Benefits include services in a Hospital, free-standing Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, or in an outpatient day rehabilitation program.

Covered Services involve a coordinated team approach and several types of treatment, including skilled nursing care, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, medical devices, and services of a social worker or psychologist.



To be Covered Services, rehabilitation services must involve goals you can reach in a reasonable period of time. Benefits will end when treatment is no longer Medically Necessary and you stop progressing toward those goals.

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Respiratory Therapy**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Skilled Nursing Facility**

When you require Inpatient skilled nursing and related services for convalescent and rehabilitative care, Covered Services are available if the Facility is licensed or certified under state law as a Skilled Nursing Facility. Custodial Care is not a Covered Service. The following items and services will be provided to you as an inpatient in a skilled nursing bed of a skilled nursing facility:

- room and board in semi-private accommodations;
- rehabilitative services; and
- drugs, biologicals, and supplies furnished for use in the skilled nursing facility and other medically necessary services and supplies.

Your Plan will cover the private room charge if you need a private room because you have a highly contagious condition or are at greater risk of contracting an infectious disease because of your medical condition. Otherwise, your inpatient benefits would cover the skilled nursing facility’s charges for a semi private room. If you choose to occupy a private room, you will be responsible for paying the daily differences between the semi-private and private room rates in addition to your copayment and coinsurance (if any).

## **Smoking Cessation**

Please see “Preventive Care” section in this Booklet.

## **Speech Therapy**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Surgery**

Your Plan covers surgical services on an Inpatient or outpatient basis, including office surgeries. Covered Services include:

- Accepted operative and cutting procedures;
- Surgeries and procedures to correct congenital abnormalities that cause Functional Impairment and congenital abnormalities in newborn children;
- Other invasive procedures, such as angiogram, arteriogram, amniocentesis, tap or puncture of brain or spine;
- Endoscopic exams, such as arthroscopy, bronchoscopy, colonoscopy, laparoscopy;
- Treatment of fractures and dislocations;
- Anesthesia and surgical support when Medically Necessary;
- Medically Necessary pre-operative and post-operative care.

**Important Note About Hysterectomy Admissions:** Hospital admissions for a covered laparoscopy assisted vaginal hysterectomy shall be approved for a period of no less than 23 hours. Hospital admissions for a covered vaginal hysterectomy shall be approved for a period of no less than 48 hours.

## Oral Surgery

**Important Note:** Although this Plan covers certain oral surgeries, many oral surgeries (e.g. removal of wisdom teeth) are not covered.

Benefits are limited to certain oral surgeries including:

- Treatment of medically diagnosed cleft lip, cleft palate, or ectodermal dysplasia.
- Maxillary or mandibular frenectomy when not related to a dental procedure.
- Alveolectomy when related to tooth extraction.
- Orthognathic surgery because of a medical condition or injury or for a physical abnormality that prevents normal function of the joint or bone and is Medically Necessary to attain functional capacity of the affected part.
- Oral / surgical correction of accidental injuries as indicated in the “Dental Services (All Members / All Ages)” section.
- Surgical services on the hard or soft tissue in the mouth when the main purpose is not to treat or help the teeth and their supporting structures.
- Treatment of non-dental lesions, such as removal of tumors and biopsies.
- Incision and drainage of infection of soft tissue not including odontogenic cysts or abscesses.

Your Plan also covers certain oral surgeries for children. Please refer to “Dental Services for Pediatric Members” for details.

## Reconstructive Surgery

Benefits include reconstructive surgery to correct significant Functional Impairment caused by congenital or developmental abnormalities, illness, injury or an earlier treatment in order to create a more normal appearance. Benefits include surgery performed to restore symmetry after a mastectomy. Reconstructive services needed as a result of an earlier treatment are covered only if the first treatment would have been a Covered Service under this Plan.

**Note:** This section does not apply to orthognathic surgery. See the “Oral Surgery” section above for that benefit.

## Mastectomy Notice

A Member who is getting benefits for a mastectomy or for follow-up care for a mastectomy and who chooses breast reconstruction, will also get coverage for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to give a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical problems of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

Members will have to pay the same Deductible, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments that normally apply to surgeries in this Plan.

**Important Note About Mastectomy Admissions:** Hospital admissions for covered radical or modified radical mastectomy for the treatment of breast cancer shall be approved for a period of no less than 48 hours. Hospital admissions for a covered total or partial mastectomy with lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer shall be approved for a period of no less than 24 hours.

## Telemedicine

Your Plan covers interactive Telemedicine Services, which is the use of electronic technology or media, including interactive audio or video, for the purpose of diagnosing or treating a patient or consulting with other health care providers regarding a patient's diagnosis or treatment. "Telemedicine Services" does not include an audio-only telephone, electronic mail message, facsimile transmission, or online questionnaire.

## Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) and Craniomandibular Joint Services

Benefits are available to treat temporomandibular and craniomandibular disorders. The temporomandibular joint connects the lower jaw to the temporal bone at the side of the head and the craniomandibular joint involves the head and neck muscles.

Covered Services include removable appliances for TMJ repositioning and related surgery, medical care, and diagnostic services. Covered Services do not include fixed or removable appliances that involve movement or repositioning of the teeth, repair of teeth (fillings), or prosthetics (crowns, bridges, dentures).

## Therapy Services

### Physical Medicine Therapy Services

Your Plan includes coverage for the therapy services described below. Coverage for these Covered Services is described more completely under Rehabilitation Services and Habilitative Services earlier in this section. Covered Services include:

- **Physical therapy** – The treatment by physical means to ease pain, restore health, and to avoid disability after an illness, injury, or loss of an arm or a leg. It includes hydrotherapy, heat, physical agents, bio-mechanical and neuro-physiological principles and devices. Coverage includes benefits for physical therapy to treat lymphedema. It does not include massage therapy services at spas or health clubs.
- **Speech therapy and speech-language pathology (SLP) services** – Services to identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Therapy will teach, develop or treat communication or swallowing skills to correct a speech impairment.
- **Occupational therapy** – Treatment to restore a physically disabled person's ability to do activities of daily living, such as walking, eating, drinking, dressing, using the toilet, moving from a wheelchair to a bed, and bathing. It also includes therapy for tasks needed for the person's job. Occupational therapy does not include recreational or vocational therapies, such as hobbies, arts and crafts.
- **Chiropractic / Osteopathic / Manipulation therapy** – Includes therapy to treat problems of the bones, joints, and the back. The two therapies are similar, but chiropractic therapy focuses on the joints of the spine and the nervous system, while osteopathic therapy also focuses on the joints and surrounding muscles, tendons and ligaments.

### Early Intervention Services

See "Early Intervention Services" earlier in this section.

### Other Therapy Services

Benefits are also available for:

- **Cardiac Rehabilitation** – Medical evaluation, training, supervised exercise, and psychosocial support to care for you after a cardiac event (heart problem) with the goal of restoring, maintaining, teaching, or improving the physiological, psychological, social and vocational capabilities of patients with heart disease. Benefits do not include home programs, on-going conditioning, or maintenance

care.

- **Chemotherapy** – Treatment of an illness by chemical or biological antineoplastic agents. See the section “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” for more details.
- **Dialysis** – Services for acute renal failure and chronic (end-stage) renal disease, including hemodialysis, home intermittent peritoneal dialysis (IPD), home continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis (CCPD), and home continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). Covered Services include dialysis treatments in an outpatient dialysis Facility or doctor’s office. Covered Services also include home dialysis and training for you and the person who will help you with home self-dialysis.
- **Infusion Therapy** – Nursing, durable medical equipment and Drug services that are delivered and administered to you through an I.V. in your home. Also includes Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), Enteral nutrition therapy, antibiotic therapy, pain care and chemotherapy. May include injections (intra-muscular, subcutaneous, continuous subcutaneous). See the section “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” for more details.
- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation** – Includes outpatient short-term respiratory care to restore your health after an illness or injury.
- **Radiation Therapy** – Treatment of an illness by x-ray, radium, cobalt, or radioactive isotopes. Covered Services include treatment (teletherapy, brachytherapy and intraoperative radiation, photon or high energy particle sources), rental or purchase costs of materials and supplies needed, administration, and treatment planning.
- **Respiratory Therapy** – Includes the use of dry or moist gases in the lungs, nonpressurized inhalation treatment; intermittent positive pressure breathing treatment, air or oxygen, with or without nebulized medication, continuous positive pressure ventilation (CPAP); continuous negative pressure ventilation (CNP); chest percussion; therapeutic use of medical gases or Drugs in the form of aerosols, and equipment such as resuscitators, oxygen tents, and incentive spirometers; broncho pulmonary drainage and breathing exercises.

## Transplant Services

See “Human Organ and Tissue Transplant” earlier in this section.

## Urgent Care Services

Often an urgent rather than an Emergency health problem exists. An urgent health problem is an unexpected illness or injury that calls for care that cannot wait until a regularly scheduled office visit. Urgent health problems are not life threatening and do not call for the use of an Emergency Room. Urgent health problems include earache, sore throat, and fever (not above 104 degrees).

Benefits for urgent care may include:

- X-ray services;
- Tests such as flu, urinalysis, pregnancy test, rapid strep;
- Lab services;
- Stitches for simple cuts; and
- Draining an abscess.

## Vision Services For Pediatric Members

These vision care services are covered for Members until the end of the month that they turn 19. To get the In-Network benefit, you must use a Blue View Vision eye care provider. For help finding one, try Find a Doctor on our website, or call us at the number on the back of your ID card. See the “Schedule of Benefits” to see your deductible, coinsurance, copayment, and other benefit limitations.

## **Routine Eye Exam**

This Plan covers a complete routine eye exam with dilation, as needed. The exam is used to check all aspects of your vision.

## **Eyeglass Lenses**

Covered eyeglass lenses include standard plastic (CR39) lenses up to 55mm in single vision, bifocal, trifocal (FT 25-28), or progressive. There are a number of additional covered lens options that are available through your Blue View Vision provider. See the "Schedule of Benefits" for the list of options.

## **Frames**

Your Blue View Vision provider will have a collection of frames for you to choose from. They can tell you which frames are included at no extra charge and which ones will cost you more.

## **Contact Lenses**

Each benefit period, you get a lens benefit for eyeglass lenses, non-elective contact lenses or elective contact lenses. But you can only one of those three options in a given benefit period. Your Blue View Vision provider will have a selection of contact lenses for you to choose from. They can tell you which contacts are included at no extra charge and which ones will cost you more.

- Elective Contact Lenses – these are contacts you chose for comfort or appearance;
- Non-Elective Contact Lenses – these are contacts prescribed for certain eye conditions:
  - Keratoconus when your vision is not correctable to 20/40 in either or both eyes using standard spectacle lenses.
  - High Ametropia exceeding -12D or +9D in spherical equivalent.
  - Anisometropia of 3D or more.
  - When your vision can be corrected three lines of improvement on the visual acuity chart when compared to best corrected standard spectacle lenses.

**Special Note:** We will not pay for non-elective contact lenses for any Member that has had elective corneal surgery, such as radial keratotomy (RK), photorefractive keratectomy (PRK), or LASIK.

## **Low Vision**

Low vision is when you have a significant loss of vision, but not total blindness. Your plan covers services for this condition when you go to a Blue View Vision eye care provider who specializes in low vision. They include a comprehensive low vision exam (instead of a routine eye exam), optical/non-optical aids or supplemental testing.

## **Vision Services for Adult Members**

These vision care services are covered for Members age 19 or older. If you are turning age 19, you will get the pediatric vision benefit through the end of the month that you turn 19. You will get the adult vision benefit the first of the month after your 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. To get the In-Network benefit, you must use a Blue View Vision eye care provider. For help finding one, try Find a Doctor on our website, or call us at the number on the back of your ID card.

## **Routine Eye Exam**

This Plan covers a complete routine eye exam with dilation, as needed. The exam is used to check all aspects of your vision.

## **Vision Services (All Members / All Ages)**

Benefits include medical and surgical treatment of injuries and illnesses of the eye. Certain vision screenings required by Federal law are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.

Benefits include the cost of prescribed glasses or contact lenses when required as a result of surgery, or for the treatment of accidental injury. Services for exams and replacement of these eyeglasses or contact lenses will be covered only if the prescription change is related to the condition that required the original prescription. The purchase and fitting of eyeglasses or contact lenses are covered if:

- prescribed to replace the human lens lost due to surgery or injury;
- "pinhole" glasses are prescribed for use after surgery for a detached retina; or
- lenses are prescribed instead of surgery in the following situations:
  - contact lenses are used for the treatment of infantile glaucoma;
  - corneal or scleral lenses are prescribed in connection with keratoconus;
  - scleral lenses are prescribed to retain moisture when normal tearing is not possible or not adequate; or
  - corneal or scleral lenses are required to reduce a corneal irregularity other than astigmatism.

## **Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider**

Your Plan covers Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs that must be administered to you as part of a doctor's visit, home care visit, or at an outpatient Facility when they are Covered Services. This may include Drugs for infusion therapy, chemotherapy, blood products, certain injectables, and any Drug that must be administered by a Provider. This section applies when a Provider orders the Drug and a medical Provider administers it to you in a medical setting. Benefits for Drugs that you inject or get through your Pharmacy benefits (i.e., self-administered Drugs) are not covered under this section. Benefits for those Drugs are described in the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" section.

### **Important Details About Prescription Drug Coverage**

Your Plan includes certain features to determine when Prescription Drugs should be covered, which are described below. As part of these features, your prescribing Doctor may be asked to give more details before we can decide if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage. In order to determine if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage, we have established criteria.

The criteria, which are called drug edits, may include requirements regarding one or more of the following:

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration,
- Specific clinical criteria including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease,
- Specific Provider qualifications including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies),
- Step therapy requiring one Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment be used prior to use of another Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated.
- Use of an Anthem Prescription Drug List (a formulary developed by Anthem) which is a list of FDA-approved Drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness.

### **Precertification**

Precertification may be required for certain Prescription Drugs to help make sure proper use and guidelines for Prescription Drug coverage are followed. We will give the results of our decision to both you and your Provider.

For a list of Prescription Drugs that need precertification, please call the phone number on the back of your Identification Card. The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under your Plan. Your Provider may check with us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

Please refer to the section "Getting Approval for Benefits" for more details.

If precertification is denied you have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in "Grievance/Appeal and External Review Procedures" section of this Booklet.

### **Designated Pharmacy Provider**

Anthem, in its sole discretion, may establish one or more Designated Pharmacy Provider programs which provide specific pharmacy services (including shipment of Prescription Drugs) to Members. An In-Network Provider is not necessarily a Designated Pharmacy Provider. To be a Designated Pharmacy Provider, the In-Network Provider must have signed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with us. You or your Provider can contact Member Services to learn which Pharmacy or Pharmacies are part of a Designated Pharmacy Provider program.

For Prescription Drugs that are shipped to you or your Provider and administered in your Provider's office, you and your Provider are required to order from a Designated Pharmacy Provider. A Patient Care coordinator will work with you and your Provider to obtain Precertification and to assist shipment to your Provider's office.

We may also require you to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider to obtain Prescription Drugs for treatment of certain clinical conditions such as Hemophilia, Cancer, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Crohn's Disease, and Psoriasis. We reserve our right to modify the list of Prescription Drugs as well as the setting and/or level of care in which the care is provided to you. Anthem may, from time to time, change with or without advance notice, the Designated Pharmacy Provider for a Drug, if in our discretion, such change can help provide cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If You are required to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider and you choose not to obtain your Prescription Drug from a Designated Pharmacy Provider, coverage will be provided at the Out-of-Network level. However, You may have coverage for Prescription Drugs that are provided by an In-Network Provider that is not a Designated Pharmacy Provider if such In-Network Provider or its intermediary has notified us of its agreement to execute a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement applicable to Designated Pharmacy Providers.

You can get the list of the Prescription Drugs covered under this section by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Therapeutic Substitution**

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells you and your Doctors about alternatives to certain prescribed Drugs. We may contact you and your Doctor to make you aware of these choices. Only you and your Doctor can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for you. For questions or issues about therapeutic Drug substitutes, call Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card.



## **Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy**

Your Plan also includes benefits for Prescription Drugs you get at a Retail or Mail Order Pharmacy. We use a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) to manage these benefits. The PBM has a network of Retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy, and a Specialty Pharmacy. The PBM works to make sure Drugs are used properly. This includes checking that Prescriptions are based on recognized and appropriate doses and checking for Drug interactions or pregnancy concerns.

**Please note:** Benefits for Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, which are administered to you by a medical Provider in a medical setting (e.g., doctor's office visit, home care visit, or outpatient Facility) are covered under the "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" benefit. Please read that section for important details.

### **Prescription Drug Benefits**

Prescription Drug benefits may require prior authorization to determine if your Drugs should be covered. Your In-Network Pharmacist will be told if Prior Authorization is required and if any additional details are needed for us to decide benefits.

#### **Prior Authorization**

Prescribing Providers must obtain prior authorization in order for you to get benefits for certain Drugs. At times, your Provider will initiate a prior authorization on your behalf before your Pharmacy fills your Prescription. At other times, the Pharmacy may make you or your Provider aware that a prior authorization or other information is needed. In order to determine if the Prescription drug is eligible for coverage, we have established criteria.

The criteria, which are called drug edits, may include requirements regarding one or more of the following:

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration,
- Specific clinical criteria including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease,
- Specific Provider qualifications including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies),
- Step therapy requiring one Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment be used prior to use of another Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated.
- Use of a Prescription Drug List (as described below).

You or your Provider can get the list of the Drugs that require prior authorization by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under your Plan. Your Provider may check with us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

Anthem may, from time to time, waive, enhance, change or end certain prior authorization and/or offer alternate benefits, if in our sole discretion, such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If prior authorization is denied you have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in the “Grievance/Appeal and External Review Procedures” section of this Booklet.

## **Covered Prescription Drugs**

To be a Covered Service, Prescription Drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and, under federal law, require a Prescription. Prescription Drugs must be prescribed by a licensed Provider and you must get them from a licensed Pharmacy. Controlled Substances must be prescribed by a licensed Provider with an active DEA license.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Prescription Legend Drugs from either a Retail Pharmacy or the PBM's Home Delivery Pharmacy;
- Specialty Drugs;
- Self-administered Drugs. These are Drugs that do not need administration or monitoring by a Provider in an office or Facility. Injectables and infused Drugs that need Provider administration and/or supervision are covered under the “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” benefit;
- Oral chemotherapy drugs when administration or monitoring by a Provider or in an office or Facility is not required.
- Self-injectable insulin and supplies and equipment used to administer insulin;
- Self-administered contraceptives, including oral contraceptive Drugs, self-injectable contraceptive Drugs, contraceptive patches, and contraceptive rings. Coverage is also provided for up to a 12-month supply of FDA-approved, self-administered Hormonal Contraceptives, when dispensed or furnished at one time by a Provider or pharmacist, or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense Drugs or supplies. Certain contraceptives are covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit. Please see that section for more details.
- Special food products or supplements when prescribed by a Doctor if we agree they are Medically Necessary.
- Flu Shots (including administration). These will be covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit.
- Immunizations (including administration) required by the “Preventive Care” benefit.
- Immunizations administered by a licensed pharmacist as allowed under law.
- Prescription Drugs that help you stop smoking or reduce your dependence on tobacco products. These Drugs will be covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit.
- Compound drugs when a commercially available dosage form of a Medically Necessary medication is not available, all the ingredients of the compound drug are FDA approved as designated in the FDA's Orange Book: *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer. Non-FDA approved, non-proprietary, multisource ingredients that are vehicles essential for compound administration may be covered.
- FDA-approved smoking cessation products, including over the counter nicotine replacement products, when obtained with a Prescription for a Member age 18 or older. These products will be covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit.

We will not deny prescription drugs (or inpatient or IV therapy drugs) used in the treatment of cancer pain on the basis that the dosage exceeds the recommended dosage of the pain relieving agent, if prescribed in compliance with established statutes pertaining to patients with intractable cancer pain.

Benefits will not be denied for any drug prescribed, on an inpatient or outpatient basis, to treat a covered indication so as long as the drug has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration

for at least one indication and the drug is recognized for treatment of the covered indication in one of the standard reference compendia or in substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical literature.

Additionally, benefits will not be denied for any drug, prescribed on an inpatient or outpatient basis, approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in the treatment of cancer on the basis that the drug has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of specific type of cancer for which the drug has been prescribed, provided the drug has been recognized as safe and effective for treatment of that specific type of cancer in any of the standard reference compendia.

Please see “Experimental or Investigational (Experimental / Investigational)” in the “Definitions” section for additional information about the exception criteria and requirements for these coverage situations.

## **Where You Can Get Prescription Drugs**

### **In-Network Pharmacy**

You can visit one of the local Retail Pharmacies in our network. Give the Pharmacy the prescription from your Doctor and your Identification Card and they will file your claim for you. You will need to pay any Copayment, Coinsurance, and/or Deductible that applies when you get the Drug. If you do not have your Identification Card, the Pharmacy will charge you the full retail price of the Prescription and will not be able to file the claim for you. You will need to ask the Pharmacy for a detailed receipt and send it to us with a written request for payment.

**Important Note:** If we determine that you may be using Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of In-Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to select a single In-Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future pharmacy services. Benefits will only be paid if you use the single In-Network Pharmacy. We will contact you if we determine that use of a single In-Network Pharmacy is needed and give you options as to which In-Network Pharmacy you may use. If you do not select one of the In-Network Pharmacies we offer within 31 days, we will select a single In-Network Pharmacy for you. If you disagree with our decision, you may ask us to reconsider it as outlined in the “Grievance/Appeal Process” section of this Booklet.

In addition, if we determine that you may be using Controlled Substance Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of In-Network Providers for Controlled Substance Prescriptions may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to select a single In-Network Provider that will provide and coordinate all Controlled Substance Prescriptions. Benefits for Controlled Substance Prescriptions will only be paid if you use the single In-Network Provider. We will contact you if we determine that use of a single In-Network Provider is needed and give you options as to which In-Network Provider you may use. If you do not select one of the In-Network Providers we offer within 31 days, we will select a single In-Network Provider for you. If you disagree with our decision, you may ask us to reconsider it as outlined in the “Grievance/Appeal Process” section of this Booklet.

### **Maintenance Pharmacy**

You may also obtain a 90-day supply of Maintenance Medications from a Maintenance Pharmacy. A Maintenance Medication is a Drug you take on a regular basis to treat or control a chronic illness such as heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, or diabetes. If you are not sure the Prescription Drug you are taking is a Maintenance Medication or need to determine if your Pharmacy is a Maintenance Pharmacy, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for more details.

### **Specialty Pharmacy**

We keep a list of Specialty Drugs that may be covered based upon clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process, and where appropriate, certain clinical economic reasons. This list will change from time to time. We may require you or your doctor to order certain Specialty Drugs from the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy

When you use the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy, its patient care coordinator will work with you and your Doctor to get prior authorization and to ship your Specialty Drugs to your home or your preferred address. Your patient care coordinator will also tell you when it is time to refill your prescription.

You can get the list of covered Specialty Drugs by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Home Delivery Pharmacy**

The PBM also has a Home Delivery Pharmacy which lets you get certain Drugs by mail if you take them on a regular basis. You will need to contact the PBM to sign up when you first use the service. You can mail written prescriptions from your Doctor or have your Doctor send the prescription to the Home Delivery Pharmacy. Your Doctor may also call the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You will need to send in any Copayments, Deductible, or Coinsurance amounts that apply when you ask for a prescription or refill.

### **Out-of-Network Pharmacy**

You may also use a Pharmacy that is not in our network. You will be charged the full retail price of the Drug and you will have to send your claim for the Drug to us. (Out-of-Network Pharmacies won't file the claim for you.) You can get a claims form from us or the PBM. You must fill in the top section of the form and ask the Out-of-Network Pharmacy to fill in the bottom section. If the bottom section of this form cannot be filled out by the pharmacist, you must attach a detailed receipt to the claim form. The receipt must show:

- Name and address of the Out-of-Network Pharmacy;
- Patient's name;
- Prescription number;
- Date the prescription was filled;
- Name of the Drug;
- Cost of the Drug;
- Quantity (amount) of each covered Drug or refill dispensed.

You must pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits. This is based on the Maximum Allowed Amount as determined by our normal or average contracted rate with network pharmacies on or near the date of service.

### **Services of Non-Participating Pharmacies**

Notwithstanding any provision in this Booklet to the contrary, you have coverage for outpatient prescription drug services provided to you by an Out-of-Network pharmacy, when the Out-of-Network pharmacy or its intermediary has previously notified the PBM of its agreement to accept reimbursement for its services at rates applicable to In-Network pharmacies including any applicable copayment, coinsurance and/or deductible (if any) amounts as payment in full to the same extent as coverage for outpatient prescription drug services provided to you by an In-Network provider. Note, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to any pharmacy which does not execute a participating pharmacy agreement with the PBM or its designee within thirty days of being requested to do so in writing by the PBM, unless and until the pharmacy executes and delivers the agreement.

## What You Pay for Prescription Drugs

### Tiers

Your share of the cost for Prescription Drugs may vary based on the tier the Drug is in.

- Tier 1 Drugs have the lowest Coinsurance or Copayment. This tier contains low cost and preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products, or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- Tier 2 Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 1. This tier may contain preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- Tier 3 Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 2. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- Tier 4 Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 3. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products or multi-source Brand Drugs.

We assign drugs to tiers based on clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process. We retain the right, at our discretion, to decide coverage for doses and administration (i.e., oral, injection, topical, or inhaled). We may cover one form of administration instead of another, or put other forms of administration in a different tier. We will provide at least 30 day prior written notice of any modification to a formulary that results in the movement of a Prescription Drug to a tier with higher cost-sharing requirements.

**Note:** We and/or our designated pharmacy benefits manager may receive discounts, rebates, or other funds from drug manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and/or similar vendors, which may be related to certain drug purchases under this Plan. These amounts will be retained by us. They will not be applied to your Deductible, if any, or taken into account in determining your Copayments or Coinsurance.

### Prescription Drug List

We also have an Anthem Prescription Drug List, (a formulary), which is a list of FDA-approved Drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness. Benefits may not be covered for certain Drugs if they are not on the Prescription Drug List.

The Drug List is developed by us based upon clinical findings, and where proper, the cost of the Drug relative to other Drugs in its therapeutic class or used to treat the same or similar condition. It is also based on the availability of over the counter medicines, Generic Drugs, the use of one Drug over another by our Members, and where proper, certain clinical economic reasons.

We retain the right, at our discretion, to decide coverage for doses and administration methods (i.e., oral, injection, topical, or inhaled) and may cover one form of administration instead of another as Medically Necessary.

You may request a copy of the covered Prescription Drug list by calling the Member Services telephone number on the back of your Identification Card, visiting our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com), or by viewing [www.anthem.com/VASelectdrugtier4](http://www.anthem.com/VASelectdrugtier4). The covered Prescription Drug list is subject to periodic review and amendment. Inclusion of a Drug or related item on the covered Prescription Drug list is not a guarantee of coverage.

If you or your Doctor believes you need a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List, please have your Doctor or pharmacist get in touch with us. We will act upon such requests within one business day of receipt of the request. We will cover the other Prescription Drug only if we agree that it is Medically Necessary and appropriate over the other Drugs that are on the List. We will make a coverage decision within 72 hours of receiving your request. If we approve the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of your prescription, including refills. If we deny coverage of the Drug, you have the right to request an external review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO). The IRO will make a coverage decision within 72 hours of receiving your request. If the IRO approves the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of your prescription, including refills.

You or your Doctor may also submit a request for a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List based on exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist if you are suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, or if you are undergoing a current course of treatment using a drug not covered by the Plan. We will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving your request. If we approve the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of the exigency. If we deny coverage of the Drug, you have the right to request an external review by an IRO. The IRO will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving your request. If the IRO approves the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of the exigency.

Coverage of a Drug approved as a result of your request or your Doctor's request for an exception will only be provided if you are a Member enrolled under the Plan.

## **Additional Features of Your Prescription Drug Pharmacy Benefit**

### **Day Supply and Refill Limits**

Certain day supply limits apply to Prescription Drugs as listed in the "Schedule of Benefits." In most cases, you must use a certain amount of your prescription before it can be refilled. In some cases we may let you get an early refill. For example, we may let you refill your prescription early if it is decided that you need a larger dose. We will work with the Pharmacy to decide when this should happen.

If you are going on vacation and you need more than the day supply allowed, you should ask your pharmacist to call our PBM and ask for an override for one early refill. If you need more than one early refill, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Half-Tablet Program**

The Half-Tablet Program lets you pay a reduced Copayment on selected "once daily dosage" Drugs on our approved list. The program lets you get a 30-day supply (15 tablets) of the higher strength Drug when the Doctor tells you to take a "½ tablet daily." The Half-Tablet Program is strictly voluntary and you should talk to your Doctor about the choice when it is available. To get a list of the Drugs in the program call the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Therapeutic Substitution**

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells you and your Doctors about alternatives to certain prescribed Drugs. We may contact you and your Doctor to make you aware of these choices. Only you and your Doctor can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for you. For questions or issues about therapeutic Drug substitutes, call Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Split Fill Dispensing Program**

The split fill dispensing program is designed to prevent and/or minimize wasted Prescription Drugs if your Prescription Drugs or dose changes between fills, by allowing only a portion of your prescription to be filled at the Specialty Pharmacy. This program also saves you out of pocket expenses. The Prescription Drugs that are included under this program have been identified as requiring more frequent follow up to monitor response to treatment and potential reactions or side-effects. You can access the list of these Prescription Drugs by calling the toll-free number on your member ID card or log on to the website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Special Programs**

Except when prohibited by federal regulations (such as HSA rules), from time to time we may offer programs to support the use of more cost-effective or clinically effective Prescription Drugs including Generic Drugs, Home Delivery Drugs, over the counter Drugs or preferred products. Such programs may reduce or waive Copayments or Coinsurance for a limited time.

## What's Not Covered

In this section you will find a review of items that are not covered by your Plan. Excluded items will not be covered even if the service, supply, or equipment is Medically Necessary. This section is only meant to be an aid to point out certain items that may be misunderstood as Covered Services. This section is not meant to be a complete list of all the items that are excluded by your Plan.

We will have the right to make the final decision about whether services or supplies are Medically Necessary and if they will be covered by your Plan.

- 1) **Acts of War, Disasters, or Nuclear Accidents** In the event of a major disaster, epidemic, war, or other event beyond our control, we will make a good faith effort to give you Covered Services. We will not be responsible for any delay or failure to give services due to lack of available Facilities or staff.

Benefits will not be given for any illness or injury that is a result of war, service in the armed forces, a nuclear explosion, nuclear accident, release of nuclear energy, a riot, or civil disobedience.

- 2) **Administrative Charges**

- a) Charges to complete claim forms,
- b) Charges to get medical records or reports,
- c) Membership, administrative, or access fees charged by Doctors or other Providers. Examples include, but are not limited to, fees for educational brochures or calling you to give you test results.

- 3) **Alternative / Complementary Medicine** Services or supplies for alternative or complementary medicine. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Acupuncture,
- b) Holistic medicine,
- c) Homeopathic medicine,
- d) Hypnosis,
- e) Aroma therapy,
- f) Massage and massage therapy,
- g) Reiki therapy,
- h) Herbal, vitamin or dietary products or therapies,
- i) Naturopathy,
- j) Thermography,
- k) Orthomolecular therapy,
- l) Contact reflex analysis,
- m) Bioenergetic synchronization technique (BEST),
- n) Iridology-study of the iris,
- o) Auditory integration therapy (AIT),
- p) Colonic irrigation,
- q) Magnetic innervation therapy,
- r) Electromagnetic therapy,
- s) Neurofeedback / Biofeedback.

- 4) **Applied Behavioral Treatment** (including, but not limited to, Applied Behavior Analysis and Intensive Behavior Interventions) unless otherwise required by law.

- 5) **Before Effective Date or After Termination Date** Charges for care you get before your Effective Date or after your coverage ends, except as written in this Plan.



- 6) **Certain Providers** Services you get from Providers that are not licensed by law to provide Covered Services as defined in this Booklet. Examples include, but are not limited to, masseurs or masseuses (massage therapists), physical therapist technicians, and athletic trainers.
- 7) **Charges Over the Maximum Allowed Amount** Charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services.
- 8) **Charges Not Supported by Medical Records** Charges for services not described in your medical records.
- 9) **Clinically-Equivalent Alternatives** Certain Prescription Drugs may not be covered if you could use a clinically equivalent Drug, unless required by law. "Clinically equivalent" means Drugs that for most Members, will give you similar results for a disease or condition. If you have questions about whether a certain Drug is covered and which Drugs fall into this group, please call the number on the back of your Identification Card, or visit our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

If you or your Doctor believes you need to use a different Prescription Drug, please have your Doctor or pharmacist get in touch with us. We will cover the other Prescription Drug only if we agree that it is Medically Necessary and appropriate over the clinically equivalent Drug. We will review benefits for the Prescription Drug from time to time to make sure the Drug is still Medically Necessary.

- 10) **Complications of/or Services Related to Non-Covered Services** Services, supplies, or treatment related to or, for problems directly related to a service that is not covered by this Plan. Directly related means that the care took place as a direct result of the non-Covered Service and would not have taken place without the non-Covered Service.
- 11) **Cosmetic Services** Treatments, services, Prescription Drugs, equipment, or supplies given for cosmetic services. Cosmetic services are meant to preserve, change, or improve how you look or are given for social reasons. No benefits are available for surgery or treatments to change the texture or look of your skin or to change the size, shape or look of facial or body features (such as your nose, eyes, ears, cheeks, chin, chest or breasts).  
This Exclusion does not apply to:
  - a) Surgery or procedures to correct deformity caused by disease, trauma, or previous therapeutic process.
  - b) Surgery or procedures to correct congenital abnormalities that cause Functional Impairment.
  - c) Surgery or procedures on newborn children to correct congenital abnormalities
- 12) **Court Ordered Testing** Court ordered testing or care unless Medically Necessary.
- 13) **Custodial Care** Custodial Care, convalescent care or rest cures. This Exclusion does not apply to Hospice services.
- 14) **Delivery Charges** Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.

**15) Dental Services**

- a) Dental care for Members age 19 or older, unless covered by the medical benefits of this plan.
- b) Dental services or health care services not specifically listed as covered in this Booklet (including any hospital charges, prescription drug charges and dental services or supplies that do not have an American Dental Association Procedure Code, unless covered by the medical benefits of this plan).
- c) Services of anesthesiologists, unless required by law.
- d) Anesthesia services (such as intravenous and non-intravenous conscious sedation, analgesia, and general anesthesia) are not covered when given separate from complex surgical services, except as required by law.

- e) Dental services, appliances or restorations that are necessary to alter, restore or maintain occlusion. Includes increasing vertical dimension, replacing or stabilizing tooth structure lost by attrition, realignment of teeth, and gnathologic recordings.
- f) Dental services provided solely for the purpose of improving the appearance of your teeth when your tooth structure and function are satisfactory and no pathologic conditions (such as cavities) exist.
- g) Case presentations.
- h) Athletic mouth guards.
- i) Enamel microabrasion and odontoplasty.
- j) Retreatment or additional treatment necessary to correct or relieve the results of treatment previously covered under the Plan. The exception to this Exclusion for root canal retreatment as described in "Endodontic Therapy" in the "What's Covered" section.
- k) Bacteriologic tests for determination of periodontal disease or pathologic agents, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Plan.
- l) The controlled release of therapeutic agents or biologic modifiers used to aid in soft tissue and osseous tissue regeneration.
- m) Collection of oral cytology sample via scraping of the oral mucosa, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Plan.
- n) Separate services billed when they are an inherent component of another covered service.
- o) Services for the replacement of an existing partial denture with a bridge, unless the partial denture cannot satisfactorily restore the case.
- p) Incomplete services where the final permanent appliance (denture, partial, bridge) or restoration (crown, filling) has not been placed..
- q) Additional, elective or enhanced prosthodontic procedures including but not limited to, connector bar(s), stress breakers and precision attachments.
- r) Placement or removal of sedative filling, base or liner used under a restoration that is billed separately from a restoration procedure (such as a filling).
- s) Pulp vitality tests.
- t) Adjunctive diagnostic tests.
- u) Incomplete root canals.
- v) Cone beam images.
- w) Anatomical crown exposure.
- x) Temporary anchorage devices.
- y) Sinus augmentation.
- z) Oral hygiene instructions.
- aa) Removal of pulpal debridement, pulp cap, post, pins, resorbable or non-resorbable filling materials and the procedures used to prepare and place materials in the canals (tooth roots).
- bb) Root canal obstruction, internal root repair of perforation defects, incomplete endodontic treatment and bleaching of discolored teeth.
- cc) For dental services received prior to the effective date of this Plan or received after the coverage under this Plan has ended.
- dd) Dental services given by someone other than a licensed provider (dentist or physician) or their employees.

- ee) Implant services, including maintenance or repair to an implant or implant abutment.
- ff) Dental services for which you would have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
- gg) For any condition, disease, defect, ailment or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under the Workers' Compensation Act or any similar law. This exclusion applies if a member receives the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not the member claims the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not the member recovers from any third party.

- 16) **Drugs Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards** Drugs given to you or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
- 17) **Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits** Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or us.
- 18) **Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year** Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original Prescription Order.
- 19) **Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Registrations/Certifications** Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations, and/or certifications, as determined by Anthem.
- 20) **Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription** Drugs that do not need a prescription by federal law (including Drugs that need a prescription by state law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin.
- 21) **Educational Services** Services or supplies for teaching, vocational, or self-training purposes, except as listed in this Booklet.
- 22) **Experimental or Investigational Services** Services or supplies that we find are Experimental / Investigational. This also applies to services related to Experimental / Investigational services, whether you get them before, during, or after you get the Experimental / Investigational service or supply.  
  
The fact that a service or supply is the only available treatment will not make it Covered Service if we conclude it is Experimental / Investigational.  
  
Please see the "Clinical Trials" section of "What's Covered" for details about coverage for services given to you as a participant in an approved clinical trial if the services are Covered Services under this Plan. Please also read the "Experimental or Investigational" definition in the "Definitions" section at the end of this Booklet for the criteria used in deciding whether a service is Experimental or Investigational.
- 23) **Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses** Eyeglasses and contact lenses to correct your eyesight unless listed as covered in this Booklet. This Exclusion does not apply to lenses needed after a covered eye surgery or accidental injury.
- 24) **Eye Exercises** Orthoptics and vision therapy.
- 25) **Eye Surgery** Eye surgery to fix errors of refraction, such as near-sightedness. This includes, but is not limited to, LASIK, radial keratotomy or keratomileusis, and excimer laser refractive keratectomy.
- 26) **Family Members** Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or given by a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, or self.
- 27) **Foot Care** Routine foot care unless Medically Necessary. This Exclusion applies to cutting or removing corns and calluses; trimming nails; cleaning and preventive foot care, including but not limited to:
  - a) Cleaning and soaking the feet.
  - b) Applying skin creams to care for skin tone.

c) Other services that are given when there is not an illness, injury or symptom involving the foot.  
This Exclusion does not apply to the treatment of corns, calluses, and care of toenails for patients with diabetes or vascular disease.

28) **Foot Orthotics** Foot orthotics, orthopedic shoes or footwear or support items unless used for a systemic illness affecting the lower limbs, such as severe diabetes.

29) **Foot Surgery** Surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet; tarsalgia; metatarsalgia; hyperkeratoses.

30) **Free Care** Services you would not have to pay for if you didn't have this Plan. This includes, but is not limited to government programs, services during a jail or prison sentence, services you get from Workers Compensation, and services from free clinics.

If Workers' Compensation benefits are not available to you, this Exclusion does not apply. This Exclusion will apply if you get the benefits in whole or in part. This Exclusion also applies whether or not you claim the benefits or compensation, and whether or not you get payments from any third party.

31) **Gene Therapy** Gene therapy as well as any Drugs, procedures, health care services related to it that introduce or is related to the introduction of genetic material into a person intended to replace or correct faulty or missing genetic material.

32) **Health Club Memberships and Fitness Services** Health club memberships, workout equipment, charges from a physical fitness or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment, or facilities used for physical fitness, even if ordered by a Doctor. This Exclusion also applies to health spas.

33) **Hearing Aids** Hearing aids or exams to prescribe or fit hearing aids, unless listed as covered in this Booklet. This Exclusion does not apply to cochlear implants.

34) **Home Care**

a) Services given by registered nurses and other health workers who are not employees of or working under an approved arrangement with a Home Health Care Provider.

b) Food, housing, homemaker services and home delivered meals. The exception to this Exclusion is homemaker services as described under "Hospice Care" in the "What's Covered" section.

35) **Infertility Treatment** Treatment related to infertility, except as outlined in the "Maternity and Reproductive Health" sub-section in the "What's Covered" section of this booklet.

36) **Lost or Stolen Drugs** Refills of lost or stolen Drugs.

37) **Maintenance Therapy** Rehabilitative treatment given when no further gains are clear or likely to occur. Maintenance therapy includes care that helps you keep your current level of function and prevents loss of that function, but does not result in any change for the better. This Exclusion does not apply to habilitative services.

38) **Medical Equipment, Devices, and Supplies**

a) Replacement or repair of purchased or rental equipment because of misuse, abuse, or loss/theft.

b) Surgical supports, corsets, or articles of clothing unless needed to recover from surgery or injury.

c) Non-Medically Necessary enhancements to standard equipment and devices.

d) Supplies, equipment and appliances that include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features that exceed what is Medically Necessary in your situation. Reimbursement will be based on the Maximum Allowable Amount for a standard item that is a Covered Service, serves the same purpose, and is Medically Necessary. Any expense that exceeds the Maximum Allowable Amount for the standard item which is a Covered Service is your responsibility.

- 39) **Medicare** For which benefits are payable under Medicare Parts A and/or B or would have been payable if you had applied for Parts A and/or B when you became eligible due to age, except as listed in this Booklet or as required by federal law, as described in the section titled “Medicare” in “General Provisions.” If you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you become eligible due to age, we will calculate benefits as if you had enrolled. You should sign up for Medicare Part B as soon as possible to avoid large out of pocket costs.
- 40) **Missed or Cancelled Appointments** Charges for missed or cancelled appointments.
- 41) **Non-Medically Necessary Services** Services we conclude are not Medically Necessary. This includes services that do not meet our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines.
- 42) **Nutritional or Dietary Supplements** Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as described in this Booklet or that we must cover by law. This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that you can buy over the counter and those you can get without a written Prescription or from a licensed pharmacist.
- 43) **Off label use** Off label use, unless we must cover it by law or if we approve it.
- 44) **Oral Surgery** Extraction of teeth, surgery for impacted teeth and other oral surgeries to treat the teeth or bones and gums directly supporting the teeth, except as listed in this Booklet.
- 45) **Personal Care and Convenience**
- a) Items for personal comfort, convenience, protection, cleanliness such as air conditioners, humidifiers, water purifiers, sports helmets, raised toilet seats, and shower chairs,
  - b) First aid supplies and other items kept in the home for general use (bandages, cotton-tipped applicators, thermometers, petroleum jelly, tape, non-sterile gloves, heating pads),
  - c) Home workout or therapy equipment, including treadmills and home gyms,
  - d) Pools, whirlpools, spas, or hydrotherapy equipment.
  - e) Hypo-allergenic pillows, mattresses, or waterbeds,
  - f) Residential, auto, or place of business structural changes (ramps, lifts, elevator chairs, escalators, elevators, stair glides, emergency alert equipment, handrails).
- 46) **Private Duty Nursing** Private Duty Nursing Services, unless listed as covered in this Booklet. Your coverage does not include benefits for private duty nursing in the inpatient setting.
- 47) **Prosthetics** Prosthetics for sports or cosmetic purposes. This includes wigs and scalp hair prosthetics. The exception to this Exclusion is wigs needed after cancer treatment, as described in the “Prosthetics” portion of “Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices, Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Medical and Surgical Supplies” in the “What’s Covered” section.
- 48) **Residential accommodations** Residential accommodations to treat medical or behavioral health conditions, except when provided in a Hospital, Hospice, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Residential Treatment Center. This Exclusion includes procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:
- a) Domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because a Member’s own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.
  - b) Care provided or billed by a hotel, health resort, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other extended care facility home for the aged, infirmary, school infirmary, institution providing education in special environments, supervised living or halfway house, or any similar facility or institution.
  - c) Services or care provided or billed by a school, Custodial Care center for the developmentally disabled, or outward bound programs, even if psychotherapy is included.
  - d) Wilderness camps.

- 49) **Routine Physicals and Immunizations** Physical exams and immunizations required for travel, enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, sports programs, or for other purposes, which are not required by law under the "Preventive Care" benefit.
- 50) **Sexual Dysfunction** Services or supplies for male or female sexual problems.
- 51) **Stand-By Charges** Stand-by charges of a Doctor or other Provider.
- 52) **Sterilization** Services to reverse elective sterilization.
- 53) **Surrogate Mother Services** Services or supplies for a person not covered under this Plan for a surrogate pregnancy (including, but not limited to, the bearing of a child by another woman for an infertile couple).
- 54) **Telemedicine** Non-interactive Telemedicine Services, such as audio-only telephone conversations, electronic mail message, fax transmissions or online questionnaire.
- 55) **Temporomandibular Joint Treatment** Fixed or removable appliances which move or reposition the teeth, fillings, or prosthetics (crowns, bridges, dentures).
- 56) **Travel Costs** Mileage, lodging, meals, and other Member-related travel costs except as described in this Plan.
- 57) **Vein Treatment** Treatment of varicose veins or telangiectatic dermal veins (spider veins) by any method (including sclerotherapy or other surgeries) for cosmetic purposes.
- 58) **Vision Services**
  - a) Eyeglass lenses, frames, or contact lenses for Members age 19 and older, unless listed as covered in this Booklet.
  - b) Safety glasses and accompanying frames.
  - c) For two pairs of glasses in lieu of bifocals.
  - d) Plano lenses (lenses that have no refractive power).
  - e) Lost or broken lenses or frames, unless the Member has reached their normal interval for service when seeking replacements.
  - f) Vision services not listed as covered in this Booklet.
  - g) Cosmetic lenses or options, such as special lens coatings or non-prescription lenses, unless specifically listed in this Booklet.
  - h) Blended lenses.
  - i) Oversize lenses.
  - j) Sunglasses and accompanying frames.
  - k) For services or supplies combined with any other offer, coupon or in-store advertisement, or for certain brands of frames where the manufacturer does not allow discounts.
  - l) For vision services for pediatric members, no benefits are available for frames or contact lenses not on the Anthem formulary.
  - m) Services and materials not meeting accepted standards of optometric practice or services that are not performed by a licensed provider.
- 59) **Waived Cost-Shares Out-of-Network** For any service for which you are responsible under the terms of this Plan to pay a Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible, and the Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible is waived by an Out-of-Network Provider.
- 60) **Weight Loss Programs** Programs, whether or not under medical supervision, unless listed as covered in this Booklet.

This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs.

- 61) **Weight Loss Surgery** Bariatric surgery. This includes but is not limited to Roux-en-Y (RNY), Laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery or other gastric bypass surgery (surgeries lower stomach capacity and divert partly digested food from the duodenum to the jejunum, the section of the small intestine extending from the duodenum), or Gastroplasty, (surgeries that reduce stomach size), or gastric banding procedures.

## **What's Not Covered Under Your Prescription Drug Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy Benefit**

In addition to the above Exclusions, certain items are not covered under the Prescription Drug Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy benefit:

1. **Administration Charges** Charges for the administration of any Drug except for covered immunizations as approved by us or the PBM.
2. **Charges Not Supported by Medical Records** Charges for pharmacy services not related to conditions, diagnoses, and/or recommended medications described in your medical records.
3. **Compound Drugs** Compound Drugs unless all of the ingredients are FDA-approved as designated in the FDA's Orange Book: *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, require a prescription to dispense, and the compound medication is not essentially the same as an FDA-approved product from a drug manufacturer. Exceptions to non-FDA approved compound ingredients may include multi-source, non-proprietary vehicles and/or pharmaceutical adjuvants.
4. **Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards** Drugs given to you or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
5. **Delivery Charges** Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.
6. **Drugs Given at the Provider's Office / Facility** Drugs you take at the time and place where you are given them or where the Prescription Order is issued. This includes samples given by a Doctor. This Exclusion does not apply to Drugs used with a diagnostic service, Drugs given during chemotherapy in the office as described in the "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" section or Drugs covered under the "Medical and Surgical Supplies" benefit – they are Covered Services.
7. **Drugs Not on the Anthem Prescription Drug List (a formulary)** You can get a copy of the list by calling us or visiting our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). If you or your Doctor believes you need a certain Prescription Drug not on the list, please refer to "Prescription Drug List" in the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" for details on requesting an exception.
8. **Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits** Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or us.
9. **Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year** Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original Prescription Order.
10. **Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Registrations/Certifications** Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or certifications, as determined by Anthem.
11. **Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription** Drugs that do not need a prescription by federal law (including Drugs that need a prescription by state law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin.

This Exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter drugs that we must cover under federal law when recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and prescribed by a physician.

12. **Family Members** Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or given by a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, or self.
13. **Gene Therapy** Gene therapy as well as any Drugs, procedures, health care services related to it that introduce or is related to the introduction of genetic material into a person intended to replace or correct faulty or missing genetic material.
14. **Infertility Drugs** Drugs used in assisted reproductive technology procedures to achieve conception (e.g., IVF, ZIFT, GIFT.)
15. **Items Covered as Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** Therapeutic DME, devices and supplies except peak flow meters, spacers, and blood glucose monitors. Items not covered under the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" benefit may be covered under the "Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices" benefit. Please see that section for details.
16. **Items Covered Under the "Allergy Services" Benefit** Allergy desensitization products or allergy serum. While not covered under the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" benefit, these items may be covered under the "Allergy Services" benefit. Please see that section for details.
17. **Lost or Stolen Drugs** Refills of lost or stolen Drugs.
18. **Mail Order Providers other than the PBM's Home Delivery Mail Order Provider** Prescription Drugs dispensed by any Mail Order Provider other than the PBM's Home Delivery Mail Order Provider, unless we must cover them by law.
19. **Non-approved Drugs** Drugs not approved by the FDA.
20. **Non-Medically Necessary Services** Services we conclude are not Medically Necessary. This includes services that do not meet our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines.
21. **Nutritional or Dietary Supplements** Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as described in this Booklet or that we must cover by law. This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that you can buy over the counter and those you can get without a written Prescription or from a licensed pharmacist.
22. **Off label use** Off label use, unless we must cover the use by law or if we, or the PBM, approve it.  
The exception to this Exclusion is described in "Covered Prescription Drugs" in the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" section.
23. **Onychomycosis Drugs** Drugs for Onychomycosis (toenail fungus) except when we allow it to treat Members who are immune-compromised or diabetic.
24. **Over-the-Counter Items** Drugs, devices and products permitted to be dispensed without a prescription and available over the counter.  
This Exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter products that we must cover as a "Preventive Care" benefit under federal law with a Prescription.
25. **Sexual Dysfunction Drugs** Drugs to treat sexual or erectile problems.
26. **Syringes** Hypodermic syringes except when given for use with insulin and other covered self injectable Drugs and medicine.
27. **Weight Loss Drugs** Any Drug mainly used for weight loss.



## Claims Payment

This section describes how we reimburse claims and what information is needed when you submit a claim. When you receive care from an In-Network Provider, you do not need to file a claim because the In-Network Provider will do this for you. If you receive care from an Out-of-Network Provider, you will need to make sure a claim is filed. Many Out-of-Network Hospitals, Doctors and other Providers will file your claim for you, although they are not required to do so. If you file the claim, use a claim form as described later in this section.

### Maximum Allowed Amount

#### General

This section describes how we determine the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services. Reimbursement for services rendered by In-Network and Out-of-Network Providers is based on this Booklet's Maximum Allowed Amount for the Covered Service that you receive. Please see "Inter-Plan Arrangements" later in this section for additional information.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for this Booklet is the maximum amount of reimbursement we will allow for services and supplies:

- That meet our definition of Covered Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under your Booklet and are not excluded;
- That are Medically Necessary; and
- That are provided in accordance with all applicable preauthorization, utilization management or other requirements set forth in your Booklet.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. In addition, when you receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, you may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider's actual charges. This amount can be significant.

When you receive Covered Services from Provider, we will, to the extent applicable, apply claim processing rules to the claim submitted for those Covered Services. These rules evaluate the claim information and, among other things, determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the procedure and diagnosis codes included in the claim. Applying these rules may affect our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. Our application of these rules does not mean that the Covered Services you received were not Medically Necessary. It means we have determined that the claim was submitted inconsistent with procedure coding rules and/or reimbursement policies. For example, your Provider may have submitted the claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all of the procedures that were performed. When this occurs, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be based on the single procedure code rather than a separate Maximum Allowed Amount for each billed code.

Likewise, when multiple procedures are performed on the same day by the same Doctor or other healthcare professional, we may reduce the Maximum Allowed Amounts for those secondary and subsequent procedures because reimbursement at 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for those procedures would represent duplicative payment for components of the primary procedure that may be considered incidental or inclusive.

"Per diem amount" means an all inclusive fixed payment amount for each day of admission in an inpatient facility.

## Provider Network Status

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the Provider is an In-Network Provider or an Out-of-Network Provider.

An In-Network Provider is a Provider who is in the managed network for this specific product or in a special Center of Excellence/or other closely managed specialty network, or who has a participation contract with us. For Covered Services performed by an In-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Booklet is the rate the Provider has agreed with us to accept as reimbursement for the Covered Services. Because In-Network Providers have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowed Amount as payment in full for those Covered Services, they should not send you a bill or collect for amounts above the Maximum Allowed Amount. However, you may receive a bill or be asked to pay all or a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. Please call Member Services for help in finding an In-Network Provider or visit [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Providers who have not signed any contract with us and are not in any of our networks are Out-of-Network Providers, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary providers.

For Covered Services you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Booklet will be one of the following as determined by us:

1. An amount based on our non-participating Provider fee schedule/rate, which we have established in our discretion, and which we reserve the right to modify from time to time, after considering one or more of the following: the statewide average reimbursement amounts that Anthem previously has paid for similar claims in the Commonwealth of Virginia, reimbursement amounts accepted by like/similar Providers contracted with Anthem, reimbursement rates accepted by Providers under the last network contract in effect with Anthem, reimbursement amounts paid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the same services or supplies, and other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data; or
2. An amount based on reimbursement or cost information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"). When basing the Maximum Allowed amount upon the level and/or method of reimbursement used by CMS, Anthem will update such information, no less than annually; or
3. An amount based on information provided by a third party vendor, which may reflect one or more of the following factors: (1) the complexity or severity of treatment; (2) level of skill and experience required for the treatment; or (3) comparable Providers' fees and costs to deliver care, or
4. An amount negotiated by us or a third party vendor which has been agreed to by the Provider. This may include rates for services coordinated through case management, or
5. An amount based on or derived from the total charges billed by the Out-of-Network Provider.

A per diem amount may be used in calculating the Maximum Allowed Amount for Inpatient facility services. When calculating these amounts, the charges for non Covered Services are subtracted from the per diem amount.

**Providers who are not contracted for this product, but are contracted for other products with us are also considered Out-of-Network. For this Booklet, the Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Providers will be one of the five methods shown above unless the contract between us and that Provider specifies a different amount.**

For Covered Services rendered outside Anthem's Service Area by Out-of-Network Providers, claims may be priced using the local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan's non-participating provider fee schedule / rate or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In certain situations, the Maximum Allowed Amount for out of area claims may be based on billed charges, the pricing we would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Anthem's Service Area, or a special negotiated price.

Unlike In-Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers may send you a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds our Maximum Allowed Amount. You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges. This amount can be significant. Choosing an In-Network Provider will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to you. Please call Member Services for help in finding an In-Network Provider or visit our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Member Services is also available to assist you in determining this Booklet's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from an Out-of-Network Provider. In order for us to assist you, you will need to obtain from your Provider the specific procedure code(s) and diagnosis code(s) for the services the Provider will render. You will also need to know the Provider's charges to calculate your out of pocket responsibility. Although Member Services can assist you with this pre-service information, the final Maximum Allowed Amount for your claim will be based on the actual claim submitted by the Provider.

For Prescription Drugs, the Maximum Allowed Amount is the amount determined by us using Prescription Drug cost information provided by the Pharmacy Benefits Manager.

### **Member Cost Share**

For certain Covered Services and depending on your Plan design, you may be required to pay a part of the Maximum Allowed Amount as your cost share amount (for example, Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance).

Your cost share amount and Out-of-Pocket Limits may vary depending on whether you received services from an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Specifically, you may be required to pay higher cost sharing amounts or may have limits on your benefits when using Out-of-Network Providers. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits" in this Booklet for your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Member Services to learn how this Booklet's benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Provider you use.

We will not provide any reimbursement for non-Covered Services. You may be responsible for the total amount billed by your Provider for non-Covered Services, regardless of whether such services are performed by an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Non-covered services include services specifically excluded from coverage by the terms of your Plan and received after benefits have been exhausted. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, benefit caps or day/visit limits. The Maximum Allowed Amount for Inpatient facility services may be based on a per diem amount. When calculating these amounts, the charges for non Covered Services are subtracted from the per diem amount.

In some instances you may only be asked to pay the lower In-Network cost sharing amount when you use an Out-of-Network Provider. For example, if you go to an In-Network Hospital or Provider Facility and receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider such as a radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist who is employed by or contracted with an In-Network Hospital or Facility, you will pay the In-Network cost share amounts for those Covered Services. However, you also may be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge.

***The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Booklet's cost share amounts; see your "Schedule of Benefits" for your applicable amounts.***

*Example: Your Plan has a Coinsurance cost share of 20% for In-Network services, and 30% for Out-of-Network services after the In-Network or Out-of-Network Deductible has been met.*

*You undergo a surgical procedure in an In-Network Hospital. The Hospital has contracted with an Out-of-Network anesthesiologist to perform the anesthesiology services for the surgery. You have no control over the anesthesiologist used.*

- *The Out-of-Network anesthesiologist's charge for the service is \$1200. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the anesthesiology service is \$950; your Coinsurance responsibility is 20% of \$950, or \$190 and the remaining allowance from us is 80% of \$950, or \$760. You may receive a bill from the anesthesiologist for the difference between \$1200 and \$950. Provided the Deductible has been met, your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$190 (20% Coinsurance responsibility) plus an additional \$250, for a total of \$440.*
- *You choose an In-Network surgeon. The charge was \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery is \$1500; your Coinsurance responsibility when an In-Network surgeon is used is 20% of \$1500, or \$300. We allow 80% of \$1500, or \$1200. The In-Network surgeon accepts the total of \$1500 as reimbursement for the surgery regardless of the charges. Your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$300.*
- *You choose an Out-of-Network surgeon. The Out-of-Network surgeon's charge for the service is \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery service is \$1500; your Coinsurance responsibility for the Out-of-Network surgeon is 30% of \$1500, or \$450 after the Out-of-Network Deductible has been met. We allow the remaining 70% of \$1500, or \$1050. **In addition**, the Out-of-Network surgeon could bill you the difference between \$2500 and \$1500, so your total Out of Pocket charge would be \$450 plus an additional \$1000, for a total of **\$1450**.*

### **Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no In-Network Provider available for the Covered Service, we may authorize the In-Network cost share amounts (Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider. In such circumstances, you must contact us in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. If we authorize a Network cost share amount to apply to a Covered Service received from an Out-of-Network Provider, You may also still be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge. Please contact Member Services for Authorized Services information or to request authorization.

***The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Booklet's cost share amounts; see your "Schedule of Benefits" for your applicable amounts.***

*Example:*

*You require the services of a specialty Provider; but there is no In-Network Provider for that specialty in your state of residence. You contact us in advance of receiving any Covered Services, and we authorize you to go to an available Out-of-Network Provider for that Covered Service and we agree that the In-Network cost share will apply.*

*Your Plan has a \$45 Copayment for Out-of-Network Providers and a \$25 Copayment for In-Network Providers for the Covered Service. The Out-of-Network Provider's charge for this service is \$500. The Maximum Allowed Amount is \$200.*

*Because we have authorized the In-Network cost share amount to apply in this situation, you will be responsible for the In-Network Copayment of \$25 and we will be responsible for the remaining \$175 of the \$200 Maximum Allowed Amount.*

*Because the Out-of-Network Provider's charge for this service is \$500, you may receive a bill from the Out-of-Network Provider for the difference between the \$500 charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount of \$200. Combined with your In-Network Copayment of \$25, your total out of pocket expense would be \$325.*

## Claims Review

Anthem has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. Members seeking services from Out-of-Network Providers could be balanced billed by the Out-of-Network Provider for those services that are determined to be not payable as a result of these review processes. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a Provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

## Notice of Claim & Proof of Loss

Written notice of a claim is to be made within 20 days after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by the health plan. However, failure to give this notice shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if the notice is given as soon as reasonably possible. After you get Covered Services, we must receive written notice of your claim within 90 days in order for benefits to be paid. The claim must have the information we need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, we will ask for more details and it must be sent to us within the time listed below or no benefits will be covered, unless required by law.

In certain cases, you may have some extra time to file a claim. If we did not get your claim within 90 days, but it is sent in as soon as reasonably possible and within one year after the 90-day period ends (i.e., within 15 months), you may still be able to get benefits. **However, except in the absence of legal capacity of the Covered Person, any claims, or additional information on claims, sent in more than 15 months after you get Covered Services will be denied.**

All benefits payable for a claim will be payable within 60 days after receipt of the proof of loss.

## Claim Forms

Claim forms will usually be available from most Providers. If forms are not available, either send a written request for a claims form to us, or contact Member Services and ask for a claims form to be sent to you. Claim forms will be furnished to you if needed within 15 days after this written notice. If you do not receive the claims form, written notice of services rendered may be submitted to us without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim. This includes:

- Name of patient.
- Patient's relationship with the Subscriber.
- Identification number.
- Date, type, and place of service.
- Your signature and the Provider's signature.

## Member's Cooperation

You will be expected to complete and submit to us all such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents that may be needed in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Workers' Compensation or any other governmental program. If you fail to cooperate (including if you fail to enroll under Part B of the Medicare program where Medicare is the responsible payer), you will be responsible for any charge for services.

## Payment of Benefits

We will make benefit payments directly to Network Providers for Covered Services. If you use an Out-of-Network Provider, however, we may make benefit payments to you. In the event that payment is made directly to you, you have the responsibility to apply this payment to the claim from the Out-of-Network Provider. Payments may also be made to, and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims sent to, an Alternate Recipient (any child of a Subscriber who is recognized, under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMSCO), as having a right to enrollment under the Group's Contract), or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any benefit payments made by us will discharge our obligation for Covered Services. You cannot assign your right to benefits to anyone else, except as required by a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined by ERISA or any applicable state law.

Once a Provider performs a Covered Service, we will not honor a request for us to withhold payment of the claims submitted. You may not assign your right to receive payment for covered services. Prior payments to anyone, whether or not there has been an assignment of payment, shall not constitute a waiver of, or otherwise restrict, our right to direct future payments to you or any other individual or facility. Notwithstanding any provision in this EOC to the contrary, however, Anthem will reimburse directly any ambulance service provider to whom the member has executed an assignment of benefits.

Once a claim has been processed, if your portion of the bill is anything other than zero or equal to a flat copayment amount, a paper copy of the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement will be mailed to you to explain your responsibility. In the event that your portion of the bill is zero or equal to a flat copayment amount, the paper copy will not be mailed, but will be available to you online at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). If you do not have access to the Internet, you may contact Member Services to arrange for a printed copy.

## Inter-Plan Arrangements

### Out-of-Area Services

#### Overview

We have a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees. Generally, these relationships are called "Inter-Plan Arrangements." These Inter-Plan Arrangements work based on rules and procedures issued by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association ("Association"). Whenever you access healthcare services outside the geographic area we serve (the "Anthem Service Area"), the claim for those services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Arrangements. The Inter-Plan Arrangements are described below.

When you receive care outside of the Anthem Service Area, you will receive it from one of two kinds of Providers. Most Providers ("participating providers") contract with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that geographic area ("Host Blue"). Some Providers ("nonparticipating providers") don't contract with the Host Blue. We explain below how we pay both kinds of Providers.

#### Inter-Plan Arrangements Eligibility – Claim Types

Most claim types are eligible to be processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements, as described above. Examples of claims that are not included are Prescription Drugs that you obtain from a Pharmacy and most dental or vision benefits.

#### A. BlueCard® Program

Under the BlueCard® Program, when you receive Covered Services within the geographic area served by a Host Blue, we will still fulfill our contractual obligations. But, the Host Blue is responsible for: (a) contracting with its Providers; and (b) handling its interactions with those Providers.

When you receive Covered Services outside the Anthem Service Area and the claim is processed through the BlueCard Program, the amount you pay is calculated based on the lower of:

- The billed charges for Covered Services; or
- The negotiated price that the Host Blue makes available to Us.

Often, this “negotiated price” will be a simple discount that reflects an actual price that the Host Blue pays to the Provider. Sometimes, it is an estimated price that takes into account special arrangements with that Provider. Sometimes, such an arrangement may be an average price, based on a discount that results in expected average savings for services provided by similar types of Providers. Estimated and average pricing arrangements may also involve types of settlements, incentive payments and/or other credits or charges.

Estimated pricing and average pricing also take into account adjustments to correct for over- or underestimation of past pricing of claims, as noted above. However, such adjustments will not affect the price we used for your claim because they will not be applied after a claim has already been paid.

## **B. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs**

### *BlueCard® Program*

If you receive Covered Services under a Value-Based Program inside a Host Blue’s Service Area, you will not be responsible for paying any of the Provider Incentives, risk-sharing, and/or Care Coordinator Fees that are a part of such an arrangement, except when a Host Blue passes these fees to Anthem through average pricing or fee schedule adjustments. Additional information is available upon request.

## **C. Inter-Plan Programs: Federal/State Taxes/Surcharges/Fees**

Federal or state laws or regulations may require a surcharge, tax or other fee. If applicable, we will include any such surcharge, tax or other fee as part of the claim charge passed on to you.

## **D. Nonparticipating Providers Outside Our Service Area**

### **1. Allowed Amounts and Member Liability Calculation**

When Covered Services are provided outside of Anthem’s Service Area by non-participating providers, we may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In these situations, the amount you pay for such services as Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance will be based on that allowed amount. Also, you may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the non-participating provider bills and the payment we will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph. Federal or state law, as applicable, will govern payments for out-of-network Emergency services.

### **2. Exceptions**

In certain situations, we may use other pricing methods, such as billed charges or the pricing we would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Anthem Service Area, or a special negotiated price to determine the amount we will pay for services provided by nonparticipating providers. In these situations, you may be liable for the difference between the amount that the nonparticipating provider bills and the payment we make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

## **E. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® Program**

If you plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out your Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core benefits. Remember to take an up to date health ID card with you.

When you are traveling abroad and need medical care, you can call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center any time. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll free number is 800-810-2583. Or you can call them collect at 804-673-1177.

Keep in mind, if you need Emergency medical care, go to the nearest hospital. There is no need to call before you receive care.

Please refer to the “Getting Approval for Benefits” section in this Booklet for further information.

### **How Claims are Paid with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core**

In most cases, when you arrange inpatient hospital care with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core, claims will be filed for you. The only amounts that you may need to pay up front are any Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible amounts that may apply.

You will typically need to pay for the following services up front:

- Doctors services;
- Inpatient hospital care not arranged through Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core; and
- Outpatient services.

You will need to file a claim form for any payments made up front.

When you need Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core claim forms you can get international claims forms in the following ways:

- Call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center at the numbers above; or
- Online at [www.bcbsglobalcore.com](http://www.bcbsglobalcore.com).

You will find the address for mailing the claim on the form.



## **Coordination of Benefits When Members Are Insured Under More Than One Plan**

### **Coordination of benefits (COB)**

Special COB rules apply when you or members of your family have additional health or dental care coverage through other group health or dental plans, including:

- group insurance plans, including other Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans or HMO plans;
- labor management trustee plans, union welfare plans, employer welfare plans, employer organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans; and
- coverage under any tax-supported or government program to the extent permitted by law.

All benefits provided under this agreement are subject to this provision. However, benefits will not be increased by this COB provision. This provision applies if the total payment under this agreement absent this provision and under any other contract is greater than the value of covered services.

### **Primary coverage and secondary coverage**

When a member is also enrolled in another group health or dental plan, one coverage will pay benefits first (be primary) and the other will pay second (be secondary). The primary coverage will pay benefits first. The decision of which coverage will be primary or secondary is made using benefit determination rules.

When this health plan provides secondary coverage, we first calculate the amount that would have been payable had this health plan been primary. In no event will this health plan's payment as secondary coverage exceed that amount. This health plan coordinates benefits so that the combination of the primary plan's payment and this health plan's payment does not exceed our maximum allowed amount. When the primary coverage provides benefits in the form of services rather than payment, a reasonable cash value of the services will be assigned and then considered to be the benefit payment.

Calculation of the amount that would have been payable does not include the amount that is subject to the Primary high-deductible health plan's deductible, if we have been advised by you that all Plans covering you are high-deductible health plans and you intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### **Definition of "Other Contract"**

Other Contract means any arrangement providing health or dental care benefits or services through:

- group or blanket insurance coverage;
- group Blue Cross Blue Shield, health maintenance organization, and other prepayment coverage;
- coverage under labor management trustee plans, union welfare plans, employer organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans; and
- coverage under any tax supported or government program to the extent permitted by law.

If there is more than one Other Contract, this provision will apply separately to each. If an Other Contract has a coordination of benefits provision that applies to only part of its services, the terms of this paragraph will be applied separately to that part and to any other part.

When benefits are provided in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service shall be deemed the benefit.

Anthem will not determine the existence of any other contract, or the amount of benefits payable under any other contract except this agreement. The payment of benefits under this agreement shall be affected by the benefits payable under other contracts only when Anthem is given information about other contracts.

If the rules of this agreement and the other contract both provide that this agreement is primary, then this agreement is primary. When Anthem determines that this agreement is secondary under the rules described below, benefits will be coordinated so that our payment plus the other contract's payment will not exceed Anthem's Maximum Allowed Amount for covered services.

## Order of Benefit Determination Rules

**Pediatric Dental Coordination of Benefits (COB).** These Pediatric Dental COB provisions (#s 1 and 2) are applicable to only the pediatric dental benefits found in the part titled What's Covered in the section Dental Services.

1. If pediatric dental Essential Health Benefits are included as part of the medical plan, the medical plan will be the primary coverage and any standalone dental plan will be secondary.
2. If the member has two medical plans, each offering pediatric dental Essential Health Benefit coverage for spouse and family, the Order of Benefits Determination rules below apply.

If coverage under a contract is taken out in the name of a covered person, then that contract will be primary for that covered person. However, if the person is also entitled to Medicare, and as a result of federal law Medicare is:

- secondary to the contract covering the person as a dependent; and
- primary to the contract covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g., a retired employee);
- then the benefits of the contract covering the person as a dependent are determined before those of the contract covering the person as other than a dependent.

For children who are covered under both parents' contracts, the following will apply:

- The contract of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the calendar year will be primary.
- When parents are separated or divorced, the following special rules will apply:
  - If the parent with custody has not remarried, that parent's contract will be primary.
  - If the parent with custody has remarried, that parent's contract will be primary and the stepparent's contract will be secondary. The benefits of the contract of the parent without custody will be determined last.
  - The rules listed above may be changed by a court decree:
    - A court decree that orders one of the parents to be responsible for health care expenses will cause that parent's contract to be primary, but only if the entity providing the benefits in this case is notified of the court decree before applying benefits.
    - If the court decree does not state that one of the parents is responsible for health care expenses and both parents have joint custody, the contract of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the calendar year will be primary.

If the other contract includes the gender rule, then that rule will be used instead of the rules listed above. The gender rule states that the father's contract will be primary for the children.

If there are situations not covered above, then the contract that has been in effect the longest period of time (without interruption) will be primary. There is an exception to this rule. The contract that covers a working employee (or his dependent) will be primary. The contract of a laid-off employee, a retired employee, or a person on continuation of coverage options under federal or state law will be secondary.

If another contract has different rules from those listed above other than the gender rule, that contract will be primary.

If payments should have been made under this agreement under the rules of this provision, but they have been made under any other contract, Anthem may pay an entity (provider, other carrier, etc.) that has paid any amounts it determines will meet the intent of this provision. These amounts shall be deemed to be benefits paid under this agreement. Upon this payment, Anthem will no longer be liable under this agreement.

The preceding paragraph does not apply to claims for outpatient prescription drugs provided by a pharmacy when Medicare Part D provides the covered person's primary prescription drug coverage. See the following section for more information.

### **How prescription drug benefits are coordinated when Medicare Part D is primary**

If Medicare Part D provides your primary coverage for outpatient prescription drugs provided by a pharmacy, we first calculate the amount that would have been payable had this health plan been primary. We then pay a secondary benefit up to that amount, in order to reduce any amount you had to pay out of pocket under Medicare Part D. The benefit we pay is limited to the lesser of the amount you paid out-of-pocket under Medicare Part D or the amount this health plan would have paid if it had been primary.

## **Member Rights and Responsibilities**

As a Member you have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As your health care partner, we want to make sure your rights are respected while providing your health benefits. That means giving you access to our network health care Providers and the information you need to make the best decisions for your health. As a Member, you should also take an active role in your care.

### **You have the right to:**

- Speak freely and privately with your health care Providers about all health care options and treatment needed for your condition no matter what the cost or whether it is covered under your Plan.
- Work with your Doctors to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect us to keep your personal health information private by following our privacy policies and state and Federal laws.
- Get the information you need to help make sure you get the most from your health Plan, and share your feedback. This includes information on:
  - Our company and services.
  - Our network of health care Providers.
  - Your rights and responsibilities.
  - The rules of your health Plan.
  - The way your health Plan works.
- Make a complaint or file an appeal about:
  - Your health Plan and
  - any care you receive.
  - Any Covered Service or benefit decision that your health Plan makes.
- Say no to care, for any condition, sickness or disease, without having any effect on any care you may get in the future. This includes asking your Doctor to tell you how that may affect your health now and in the future.
- Get the most up-to-date information from a health care Provider about the cause of your illness, your treatment and what may result from it. You can ask for help if you do not understand this information.

### **You have the responsibility to:**

- Read all information about your health benefits or ask for help if you have questions.
- Follow all health Plan rules and policies.
- Choose an In-Network Primary Care Physician, also called a PCP, if your health Plan requires it.
- Treat all doctors, health care Providers and staff with respect.
- Keep all scheduled appointments. Call your health care Provider's office if you may be late or need to cancel.
- Understand your health problems as well as you can and work with your health care Providers to make a treatment plan that you all agree on.
- Inform your health care Providers if you don't understand any type of care you're getting or what they want you to do as part of your care plan.
- Follow the health care plan that you have agreed on with your health care Providers.
- Give us, your Doctors and other health care Providers the information needed to help you get the best possible care and all the benefits you are eligible for under your health Plan. This may include information about other health insurance benefits you have along with your coverage with us.
- Inform Member Services if you have any changes to your name, address or family members covered under your Plan.

**If you would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact us, please go to [anthem.com](https://www.anthem.com) and select Customer Support > Contact Us. Or call the Member Services number on your ID card.**

***We want to provide high quality benefits and Member Services to our Members. Benefits and coverage for services given under the Plan are governed by the Booklet and not by this Member Rights and Responsibilities statement.***

## Grievance/Appeal and External Review Procedures

We want your experience with us to be as positive as possible. There may be times, however, when you have a complaint, problem, or question about your Plan or a service you have received. In those cases, please contact Member Services by calling the number on the back of your ID card. We will try to resolve your complaint informally by talking to your Provider or reviewing your claim. If you are not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint, you have the right to file an appeal, which is defined as follows:

Complaints typically involve issues such as dissatisfaction about your health plan's services, quality of care, the choice of and accessibility to your health plan's providers and network adequacy. Appeals typically involve a request to reverse a previous decision made by your health plan. Requests regarding claim errors, claim corrections, and claims denied for additional information may be reopened for consideration without having to invoke the appeal process.

### Complaint Process

Upon receipt, your complaint will be reviewed and investigated. You will receive a response within 30 calendar days of your health plan's receipt of your complaint. If we are unable to resolve your complaint in 30 calendar days, you will be notified on or before calendar day 30 that more time is required to resolve your complaint. We will then respond to you within an additional 30 calendar days.

Written complaints may be filed to the following address:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Attention: Grievances and Appeals  
P.O. Box 27401  
Richmond, VA 23279

### Grievance/Appeal Process

Anthem is committed to providing a full and fair process for resolving disputes and responding to requests to reconsider coverage decisions you find unacceptable, whether the decision is a claim denial or a rescission of coverage. A rescission is a retroactive termination of coverage, other than when it is attributable to a failure to timely pay required premiums or contributions towards the cost of coverage.

Types of appeals include:

- internal appeals are requests to reconsider rescissions or coverage decisions of pre-service or post-service claims. Expedited appeals are made available when the application of the time period for making pre-service or post-service appeal decisions could seriously jeopardize the patient's life, health or ability to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of the patient's physician, would subject the patient to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment; and
- external reviews are requests for an independent, external review of coverage decisions made by your health plan through its internal appeal process. More information about this type of appeal may be found in the "**Independent external review of adverse utilization review decisions**" paragraph of this section.

### How to appeal a coverage decision

To appeal a coverage decision (including a rescission), please send a written explanation of why you feel the coverage decision was incorrect. You or your authorized representative acting on your behalf may submit the written explanation. Alternatively, this information may be provided to a Member Services representative over the phone. This is your opportunity to provide any comments, documents, or

information that you feel your health plan should consider when reviewing your appeal. Please include with the explanation:

- the patient's name, address and telephone number;
- your identification and group number (as shown on your identification card); and
- in the case of a claim, the name of the health care professional or facility that provided the service, including the date and description of the service provided and the charge.

You may contact Member Services with your appeal or any questions concerning your health insurance. To contact Member Services please call the number on the back of your Identification Card. When submitting your appeal in writing, it should be sent to the following address:

**For Medical and Prescription Drug or Pharmacy Issues:**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Attention: Grievances and Appeals  
P.O. Box 27401  
Richmond, VA 23279

**For Dental Benefits Issues:**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Attn: Grievances and Appeals  
P.O. Box 1122  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440-1122

**For Vision Benefits Issues:**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield / Blue View Vision  
Attn: Grievances and Appeals  
555 Middle Creek Parkway  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

You must file your appeal within 180 days of the date you were notified of the adverse benefit determination.

## **Prescription Drug List Exceptions**

Please refer to the "Prescription Drug List" section in "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" for the process to submit an exception request for Drugs not on the Prescription Drug List.

## **How Anthem will handle your appeal**

In reviewing your appeal, we will take into account all the information you submit, regardless of whether the information was considered at the time the initial coverage decision was made. A new review will be completed, and will not assume the correctness of the original determination. The individual reviewing your appeal will not have participated in the original coverage decision, and will not be a subordinate of the individual who made the original determination. Appeals involving medical necessity will be reviewed by a clinical peer reviewer. Any other decision that involves the review of medical information will be made by appropriate clinical staff.

We will promptly acknowledge receipt of your appeal, and will resolve and respond to it as follows:

- For pre-service claims, we will respond in writing within 30 days after receipt of the request to appeal;
- For post-service claims and rescissions, we will respond in writing within 60 days after receipt of the request to appeal; or

- For expedited appeals, we will respond to you and your provider as soon as possible taking into account your medical condition, but not later than 72 hours from receipt of the request.

We will also provide you, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated in connection with your claim. In addition, before you receive an adverse benefit determination based on new or additional rationale, we will provide you, free of charge, with the rationale.

When our review of your appeal has been completed, you will receive written notification of the outcome. In the event that the original coverage decision is upheld, the written notification will include the specific reasons and the plan provision(s) on which the determination is based. You will also be entitled to receive, upon request and at no charge, the following:

- reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the appeal;
- any rule, guideline, protocol or criterion relied upon in the coverage decision(s);
- the explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment as it relates to the patient's medical condition if the coverage decision was based on the medical necessity or experimental nature of the care; and
- the identification of medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained by the plan in connection with the claimant's adverse decision, whether or not the advice was relied upon.

If we deny your appeal, you will be provided with other dispute resolution options as applicable, including external review through the Bureau of Insurance.

## **Independent external review of adverse utilization review decisions**

If we have denied your claim, you may have the right to request an independent external review of our decision by health care professionals who have no association with us if our decision involved making a judgment as to the medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or effectiveness of the health care service or treatment you requested (including whether the service or treatment was determined to be experimental or investigative). Except when an expedited external review is warranted as described below, the external review process is available only if the denial is upheld after you file an internal appeal with us. This is called a standard external review.

You or your authorized representative may request an expedited external review with the Bureau of Insurance at the same time as exercising our expedited appeal process. An expedited external review may also be requested if our adverse decision was based upon our judgment that the services rendered were experimental or investigative and your treating physician certifies, in writing, that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated.

If you have not already requested an expedited external review in advance of our decision to deny your claim on appeal, you may do so after our appeal decision if:

- you have a medical condition where the time frame for completion of a standard external review would seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function;
- this decision concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care service for which you received emergency services, but have not been discharged from a facility; or
- this decision is based on our judgment that the services rendered were experimental or investigative and your treating physician certifies, in writing, that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated.

To request a standard or expedited external review with the Bureau of Insurance you may contact the Grievances and Appeals Department listed above, or contact the Bureau of Insurance directly at: Bureau of Insurance – External Review P.O. Box 1157 Richmond VA 23218, Telephone: 877-310-6560, E-Mail: [externalreview@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:externalreview@scc.virginia.gov).



## **Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members**

In this section you will find information on who is eligible for coverage under this Plan and when Members can be added to your coverage. Eligibility requirements are described in general terms below. For more specific information, please see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.

### **Who is Eligible for Coverage**

#### **The Subscriber**

To be eligible to enroll as a Subscriber, the individual must:

- Be an employee, member, or retiree of the Group, and:
- Be entitled to participate in the benefit Plan arranged by the Group and for retirees, mutually agreed to by Anthem;
- Have satisfied any probationary or waiting period established by the Group and (for non-retirees) and perform the duties of your principal occupation for the Group.

#### **Dependents**

To be eligible to enroll as a Dependent, you must be listed on the enrollment form completed by the Subscriber, meet all Dependent eligibility criteria established by the Group, and be one of the following:

- The Subscriber's legally married spouse.
- The Subscriber's Domestic Partner. Domestic Partner, or Domestic Partnership means a person of the same or opposite sex certifying that he or she is the Subscriber's sole Domestic Partner and has been for 12 months or more; he or she is mentally competent; he or she is not related to the Subscriber by blood closer than permitted by state law for marriage; he or she is not married to anyone else; and he or she is financially interdependent with the Subscriber.

For purposes of this Plan, a Domestic Partner shall be treated the same as a spouse, and a Domestic Partner's child, adopted child, or child for whom a Domestic Partner has legal guardianship shall be treated the same as any other child.

Any federal or state law that applies to a Member who is a spouse or child under this Plan shall also apply to a Domestic Partner or a Domestic Partner's child who is a Member under this Plan. This includes but is not limited to, COBRA, FMLA, and COB. A Domestic Partner's or a Domestic Partner's child's coverage ends on the date of dissolution of the Domestic Partnership.

We reserve the right to make the ultimate decision in determining eligibility of the Domestic Partner.

- The Subscriber's or the Subscriber's spouse's children, including natural children, stepchildren, foster children, newborn and legally adopted children and children who the Group has determined are covered under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined by ERISA or any applicable state law.
- Children for whom the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse is a legal guardian or as otherwise required by law.

All enrolled eligible children will continue to be covered until the age limit listed in the Schedule of Benefits. Coverage may be continued past the age limit in the following circumstances:

- The age limit does not apply for the initial enrollment or maintaining enrollment of an unmarried child who cannot support himself or herself because of intellectual disability, or physical incapacity that began prior to the child reaching the age limit. Coverage may be obtained for the child who is beyond the age limit at the initial enrollment if the subscriber provides proof of handicap and dependence at the time of enrollment. For the child enrolled prior to reaching the age limit, coverage may continue beyond the age limit if the subscriber provides proof of handicap and dependence within 31 days after he/she reaches the age limit. You may be asked to provide physician's certification of the dependent's condition. You must notify us if the Dependent's marital status changes and they are no longer eligible for continued coverage.

We may require you to give proof of continued eligibility for any enrolled child. Your failure to give this information could result in termination of a child's coverage.

To obtain coverage for children, we may require you to give us a copy of any legal documents awarding guardianship of such child(ren) to you.

## **Types of Coverage**

Your Group offers the enrollment options listed below. After reviewing the available options, you may choose the option that best meets your needs. The options are as follows:

- Subscriber only (also referred to as single coverage);
- Subscriber and spouse;
- Subscriber and child(ren);
- Subscriber and family.

## **When You Can Enroll**

### **Initial Enrollment**

The Group will offer an initial enrollment period to new Subscribers and their Dependents when the Subscriber is first eligible for coverage. Coverage will be effective based on the waiting period chosen by the Group, and will not exceed 90 days.

If you did not enroll yourself and/or your Dependents during the initial enrollment period you will only be able to enroll during an Open Enrollment period or during a Special Enrollment period, as described below.

### **Open Enrollment**

Open Enrollment refers to a period of time, usually 60 days, during which eligible Subscribers and Dependents can apply for or change coverage. Open Enrollment occurs only once per year. The Group will notify you when Open Enrollment is available.

### **Special Enrollment Periods**

If a Subscriber or Dependent does not apply for coverage when they were first eligible, they may be able to join the Plan prior to Open Enrollment if they qualify for Special Enrollment. Except as noted otherwise below, the Subscriber or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 31 days of a qualifying event.

Special Enrollment is available for eligible individuals who:

- Lost eligibility under a prior health plan for reasons other than non-payment of premium or due to fraud or intentional misrepresentation of a material fact.
- Exhausted COBRA benefits or stopped receiving group contributions toward the cost of the prior health plan.

- Lost employer contributions towards the cost of the other coverage.
- Are now eligible for coverage due to marriage, birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement for foster care.

**Important Notes about Special Enrollment:**

- Members who enroll during Special Enrollment are **not** considered Late Enrollees.
- Individuals must request coverage within 31 days of a qualifying event (i.e., marriage, exhaustion of COBRA, etc.).

**Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Special Enrollment**

Eligible Subscribers and Dependents may also enroll under two additional circumstances:

- The Subscriber's or Dependent's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility; or
- The Subscriber or Dependent becomes eligible for a subsidy (state premium assistance program)

The Subscriber or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 60 days of the above events.

**Late Enrollees**

If the Subscriber does not enroll themselves and/or their Dependents when first eligible or during a Special Enrollment period, they will not be eligible to enroll until the next Open Enrollment Period.

**Members Covered Under the Group's Prior Plan**

Members who were previously enrolled under another plan offered by the Group that is being replaced by this Plan are eligible for coverage on the Effective Date of this coverage.

**Enrolling Dependent Children**

**Newborn Children**

Newborn children are covered automatically from the moment of birth for the first 31 days. Following the birth of a child, you should submit an application / change form to the Group within 31 days to add the newborn to your Plan.

Even if no additional Premium is required, you should still submit an application / change form to the Group to add the newborn to your Plan, to make sure we have accurate records and are able to cover your claims.

**Adopted Children**

A child will be considered adopted from the earlier of: (1) the moment of placement in your home; or (2) the date of an entry of an order granting custody of the child to you. The child will continue to be considered adopted unless the child is removed from your home prior to issuance of a legal decree of adoption.

Your Dependent's Effective Date will be the date of the adoption or placement for adoption if you send us the completed application / change form within 31 days of the event.

When adoptive or parental placement occurs within 31 days of birth, such child shall be considered a newborn child of the insured, covered automatically for the first 31 days, as outlined in the Newborn Children section.

### **Adding a Child due to Award of Legal Custody or Guardianship**

If you or your spouse is awarded legal custody or guardianship for a child, an application must be submitted within 31 days of the date legal custody or guardianship is awarded by the court. Coverage will be effective on the date the court granted legal custody or guardianship.

### **Qualified Medical Child Support Order**

If you are required by a qualified medical child support order or court order, as defined by ERISA and/or applicable state or federal law, to enroll your child in this Plan, we will permit the child to enroll at any time without regard to any Open Enrollment limits and will provide the benefits of this Plan according to the applicable requirements of such order. However, a child's coverage will not extend beyond any Dependent Age Limit listed in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **Updating Coverage and/or Removing Dependents**

You are required to notify the Group of any changes that affect your eligibility or the eligibility of your Dependents for this Plan. When any of the following occurs, contact the Group and complete the appropriate forms:

- Changes in address;
- Marriage or divorce;
- Death of an enrolled family member (a different type of coverage may be necessary);
- Enrollment in another health plan or in Medicare;
- Eligibility for Medicare due to age;
- Dependent child reaching the Dependent Age Limit (see "Termination and Continuation of Coverage");
- Enrolled Dependent child either becomes totally or permanently disabled, or is no longer disabled.

Failure to notify us of individuals no longer eligible for services will not obligate us to cover such services, even if Premium is received for those individuals. All notifications must be in writing and on approved forms.

### **Nondiscrimination**

No person who is eligible to enroll will be refused enrollment based on health status, health care needs, genetic information, previous medical information, disability, sexual orientation or identity, gender, or age. Providers operating within the scope of practice, license or certification cannot be discriminated against.

### **Statements and Forms**

All Members must complete and submit applications or other forms or statements that we may reasonably request.

Any rights to benefits under this Plan are subject to the condition that all such information is true, correct, and complete. Any material misrepresentation by you may result in termination of coverage as provided in the "Termination and Continuation of Coverage" section. We will not use a statement made by you to void your coverage after that coverage has been in effect for two years. This does not apply, however, to fraudulent misstatements.

## Termination and Continuation of Coverage

### Termination

Except as otherwise provided, your coverage may terminate in the following situations:

- When the Contract between the Group and us terminates. If your coverage is through an association, your coverage will terminate when the Contract between the association and us terminates, or when your Group leaves the association. It will be the Group's responsibility to notify you of the termination of coverage.
- If you choose to terminate your coverage.
- If you or your Dependents cease to meet the eligibility requirements of the Plan, subject to any applicable continuation requirements under federal (COBRA) or state law. If you cease to be eligible, the Group and/or you must notify us immediately. The Group and/or you shall be responsible for payment for any services incurred by you after you cease to meet eligibility requirements.
- If you elect coverage under another carrier's health benefit plan, which is offered by the Group as an option instead of this Plan, subject to the consent of the Group. The Group agrees to immediately notify us that you have elected coverage elsewhere.
- If you perform an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or make an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, as prohibited by the terms of your Plan, your coverage and the coverage of your Dependents can be retroactively terminated or rescinded. A rescission of coverage means that the coverage may be legally voided back to the start of your coverage under the Plan, just as if you never had coverage under the Plan. You will be provided with a 31 calendar day advance notice before your coverage is retroactively terminated or rescinded. Such notice will contain clear identification of the alleged fraudulent act, practice, or omission or the intentional misrepresentation of material fact; an explanation as to why the act, practice, or omission was fraudulent or was an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact; notice that the covered person or the covered person's authorized representative, prior to the date the advance notice of the proposed rescission ends, may immediately file an internal appeal to request a reconsideration of the rescission; a description of the health carrier's internal appeal process for rescissions, including any time limits applicable to those procedures; and the date when the advance notice ends and the date back to which the coverage will be rescinded. You are responsible for paying us for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for such services, less any Copayments made or Premium paid for such services. If your coverage is rescinded we will make an equitable adjustment of Premium to your Group, taking into account benefits that may have been paid. Please see your Group concerning any refund to which you may be entitled.
- If you fail to pay or fail to make satisfactory arrangements to pay your portion of the Premium, we may terminate your coverage and may also terminate the coverage of your Dependents. Please see the "Grace Periods" paragraph in the "General Provisions" section for additional information.
- If you permit the use of your or any other Member's Plan Identification Card by any other person; use another person's Identification Card; or use an invalid Identification Card to obtain services, you will cease to be eligible and your coverage will terminate immediately upon our written notice to the Group. Anyone involved in the misuse of a Plan Identification Card will be liable to and must reimburse us for the Maximum Allowed Amount for services received through such misuse.

You will be notified in writing of the date your coverage ends by either us or the Group.

## Removal of Members

Upon written request through the Group, you may cancel your coverage and/or your Dependent's coverage from the Plan. If this happens, no benefits will be provided for Covered Services after the termination date.

## Continuation of Coverage Under Federal Law (COBRA)

The following applies if you are covered by a Group that is subject to the requirements of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985, as amended.

COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you when you would otherwise lose coverage under your Group's health Plan. It can also become available to other Members of your family, who are covered under the Group's health Plan, when they would otherwise lose their health coverage. For additional information about your rights and duties under federal law, you should contact the Group.

## Qualifying events for Continuation Coverage under Federal Law (COBRA)

COBRA continuation coverage is available when your coverage would otherwise end because of certain "qualifying events." After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse and your Dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if you were covered on the day before the qualifying event and your coverage would be lost because of the qualifying event. Qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA must pay for this COBRA continuation coverage.

This benefit entitles each Member of your family who is enrolled in the Plan to elect continuation independently. Each qualified beneficiary has the right to make independent benefit elections at the time of annual enrollment. Covered Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents or legal guardians may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children. A child born to, or placed for adoption with, a covered Subscriber during the period of continuation coverage is also eligible for election of continuation coverage.

Qualifying Event	Length of Availability of Coverage
<b><u>For Subscribers:</u></b>  Voluntary or Involuntary Termination (other than gross misconduct) or Loss of Coverage Under an Employer's Health Plan Due to Reduction In Hours Worked	18 months
<b><u>For Dependents:</u></b>  A Covered Subscriber's Voluntary or Involuntary Termination (other than gross misconduct) or Loss of Coverage Under an Employer's Health Plan Due to Reduction In Hours Worked  Covered Subscriber's Entitlement to Medicare  Divorce or Legal Separation  Death of a Covered Subscriber	18 months  36 months  36 months  36 months

Qualifying Event	Length of Availability of Coverage
<b><u>For Dependent Children:</u></b>  Loss of Dependent Child Status	36 months

COBRA coverage will end before the end of the maximum continuation period listed above if you become entitled to Medicare benefits. In that case a qualified beneficiary – other than the Medicare beneficiary – is entitled to continuation coverage for no more than a total of 36 months. (For example, if you become entitled to Medicare prior to termination of employment or reduction in hours, COBRA continuation coverage for your spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement.)

### **If Your Group Offers Retirement Coverage**

If you are a retiree under this Plan, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code may be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to your Group, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage, you will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. Your Dependents will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under this Plan. If COBRA coverage becomes available to a retiree and his or her covered family members as a result of a bankruptcy filing, the retiree may continue coverage for life and his or her Dependents may also continue coverage for a maximum of up to 36 months following the date of the retiree's death.

### **Second qualifying event**

If your family has another qualifying event (such as a legal separation, divorce, etc.) during the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, your Dependents can receive up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months from the original qualifying event. Such additional coverage is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused your Dependents to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

### **Notification Requirements**

The Group will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Group has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the Subscriber, commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the employer, or the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), the Group will notify the COBRA Administrator (e.g., Human Resources or their external vendor) of the qualifying event.

### **You Must Give Notice of Some Qualifying Events**

For other qualifying events (e.g., divorce or legal separation of the Subscriber and spouse or a Dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a Dependent child), you must notify the Group within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs.

### **Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage**

To continue your coverage, you or an eligible family Member must make an election within 60 days of the date your coverage would otherwise end, or the date the company's benefit Plan Administrator notifies you or your family Member of this right, whichever is later. You must pay the total Premium appropriate for the type of benefit coverage you choose to continue. If the Premium rate changes for active associates, your monthly Premium will also change. The Premium you must pay cannot be more than 102% of the Premium charged for Employees with similar coverage, and it must be paid to the company's benefit plan administrator within 30 days of the date due, except that the initial Premium payment must be

made before 45 days after the initial election for continuation coverage, or your continuation rights will be forfeited.

### **Disability extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage**

For Subscribers who are determined, at the time of the qualifying event, to be disabled under Title II (OASDI) or Title XVI (SSI) of the Social Security Act, and Subscribers who become disabled during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage, coverage may continue from 18 to 29 months. These Subscribers' Dependents are also eligible for the 18- to 29- month disability extension. (This also applies if any covered family Member is found to be disabled.) This would only apply if the qualified beneficiary gives notice of disability status within 60 days of the disabling determination. In these cases, the Employer can charge 150% of Premium for months 19 through 29. This would allow health coverage to be provided in the period between the end of 18 months and the time that Medicare begins coverage for the disabled at 29 months. (If a qualified beneficiary is determined by the Social Security Administration to no longer be disabled, such qualified beneficiary must notify the Plan Administrator of that fact in writing within 30 days after the Social Security Administration's determination.)

### **Trade Adjustment Act Eligible Individual**

If you don't initially elect COBRA coverage and later become eligible for trade adjustment assistance under the U.S. Trade Act of 1974 due to the same event which caused you to be eligible initially for COBRA coverage under this Plan, you will be entitled to another 60-day period in which to elect COBRA coverage. This second 60-day period will commence on the first day of the month on which you become eligible for trade adjustment assistance. COBRA coverage elected during this second election period will be effective on the first day of the election period.

### **When COBRA Coverage Ends**

COBRA benefits are available without proof of insurability and coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

- A covered individual reaches the end of the maximum coverage period;
- A covered individual fails to pay a required Premium on time;
- A covered individual becomes covered under any other group health plan after electing COBRA. If the other group health plan contains any exclusion or limitation on a pre-existing condition that applies to you, you may continue COBRA coverage only until these limitations cease;
- A covered individual becomes entitled to Medicare after electing COBRA; or
- The Group terminates all of its group welfare benefit plans.

### **Other Coverage Options Besides COBRA Continuation Coverage**

Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

### **If You Have Questions**

Questions concerning your Group's health Plan and your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the Group. For more information about your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit the EBSA website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.)



## Twelve-Month Continuation under State Law

If your employer's group health plan is not subject to the requirements of the COBRA law, twelve-month continuation coverage, as defined by State law, applies.

If you or a dependent loses eligibility for your group's coverage, you may be able to continue group coverage for a period of 12 months beginning immediately following the date of the termination of the person's eligibility, without evidence of insurability. The following rules apply:

- the person must have been enrolled under the plan for at least 3 months;
- the person must not be eligible for Medicare or Medicaid benefits prior to the loss of eligibility for group coverage;
- the person must apply for coverage with the group policyholder and pay the first month's premium within 31 days after issuance of the written notice described in the **Notice of continuation options** section below, but in no event beyond the 60 day period following the date of the termination of the person's eligibility;
- premium for such extended coverage is timely paid to the group policyholder on a monthly basis during the twelve-month period; and
- the premium for continuing the group coverage shall be at the insurer's current rate applicable to the group policy plus any applicable administrative fee not to exceed two percent of the current rate.

## Notice of Continuation Options

The group policyholder shall provide each employee or other person losing coverage under such policy written notice of a twelve-month continuation opportunity. Such notice shall be provided within 14 days of the policyholder's knowledge of your loss of eligibility under the policy. If the group policyholder does not provide the required notice, please contact Member Services directly within 60 days from the date you lose eligibility for coverage to discuss your continuation options.

## Continuation of Coverage Due To Military Service

Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), the Subscriber or his / her Dependents may have a right to continue health care coverage under the Plan if the Subscriber must take a leave of absence from work due to military leave.

Employers must give a cumulative total of five years and in certain instances more than five years, of military leave.

"Military service" means performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis and includes active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, and full-time National Guard duty.

During a military leave covered by USERRA, the law requires employers to continue to give coverage under this Plan to its Members. The coverage provided must be identical to the coverage provided to similarly situated, active employees and Dependents. This means that if the coverage for similarly situated, active employees and Dependents is modified, coverage for you (the individual on military leave) will be modified.

You may elect to continue to cover yourself and your eligible Dependents by notifying your employer in advance and submitting payment of any required contribution for health coverage. This may include the amount the employer normally pays on your behalf. If your military service is for a period of time less than 31 days, you may not be required to pay more than the active Member contribution, if any, for continuation of health coverage. For military leaves of 31 days or more, you may be required to pay up to 102% of the full cost of coverage, i.e., the employee and employer share.

The amount of time you continue coverage due to USERRA will reduce the amount of time you will be eligible to continue coverage under COBRA.

### **Maximum Period of Coverage During a Military Leave**

Continued coverage under USERRA will end on the earlier of the following events:

1. The date you fail to return to work with the Group following completion of your military leave. Subscribers must return to work within:
  - b) The first full business day after completing military service, for leaves of 30 days or less. A reasonable amount of travel time will be allowed for returning from such military service.
  - c) 14 days after completing military service for leaves of 31 to 180 days,
  - d) 90 days after completing military service for leaves of more than 180 days; or
2. 24 months from the date your leave began.

### **Reinstatement of Coverage Following a Military Leave**

Regardless of whether you continue coverage during your military leave, if you return to work your health coverage and that of your eligible Dependents will be reinstated under this Plan if you return within:

1. The first full business day of completing your military service, for leaves of 30 days or less. A reasonable amount of travel time will be allowed for returning from such military service;
2. 14 days of completing your military service for leaves of 31 to 180 days; or
3. 90 days of completing your military service for leaves of more than 180 days.

If, due to an illness or injury caused or aggravated by your military service, you cannot return to work within the time frames stated above, you may take up to:

1. Two years; or
2. As soon as reasonably possible if, for reasons beyond your control you cannot return within two years because you are recovering from such illness or injury.

If your coverage under the Plan is reinstated, all terms and conditions of the Plan will apply to the extent that they would have applied if you had not taken military leave and your coverage had been continuous. Any waiting / probationary periods will apply only to the extent that they applied before.

Please note that, regardless of the continuation and/or reinstatement provisions listed above, this Plan will not cover services for any illness or injury caused or aggravated by your military service, as indicated in the "What's Not Covered" section.

### **Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993**

A Subscriber who takes a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (the Act) will still be eligible for this Plan during their leave. We will not consider the Subscriber and his or her Dependents ineligible because the Subscriber is not at work.

If the Subscriber ends their coverage during the leave, the Subscriber and any Dependents who were covered immediately before the leave may be added back to the Plan when the Subscriber returns to work without medical underwriting. To be added back to the Plan, the Group may have to give us evidence that the Family and Medical Leave Act applied to the Subscriber. We may require a copy of the health care Provider statement allowed by the Act.

## **Benefits After Termination Of Coverage**

Any benefits available under this section are subject to all the other terms and conditions of this Plan.

If you are Totally Disabled on the Group's termination date, and you are not eligible for regular coverage under another similar health plan, benefits will continue for treatment of the disabling condition(s).

Benefits will continue until the earliest of:

1. The date you cease to be Totally Disabled;
2. The end of a period of 12 months in a row that follows the Group termination date;
3. The date you become eligible for regular coverage under another health plan; or
4. The payment of any benefit maximum.

Benefits will be limited to coverage for treatment of the condition or conditions causing Total Disability and in no event will include benefits for any dental condition.

## **General Provisions**

### **Assignment**

The Group cannot legally transfer this Booklet, without obtaining written permission from us. Members cannot legally transfer the coverage. Benefits available under this Booklet are not assignable by any Member without obtaining written permission from us, unless in a way described in this Booklet.

### **Care Coordination**

We pay In-Network Providers in various ways to provide Covered Services to you. For example, sometimes we may pay In-Network Providers a separate amount for each Covered Service they provide. We may also pay them one amount for all Covered Services related to treatment of a medical condition. Other times, we may pay a periodic, fixed pre-determined amount to cover the costs of Covered Services. In addition, we may pay In-Network Providers financial incentives or other amounts to help improve quality of care and/or promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner, or compensate In-Network Providers for coordination of Member care. In some instances, In-Network Providers may be required to make payment to us because they did not meet certain standards. You do not share in any payments made by In-Network Providers to us under these programs.

### **Clerical Error**

A clerical error will never disturb or affect your coverage, as long as your coverage is valid under the rules of the Plan. This rule applies to any clerical error, regardless of whether it was the fault of the Group or us.

### **Confidentiality and Release of Information**

We will use reasonable efforts, and take the same care to preserve the confidentiality of your medical information. We may use data collected in the course of providing services hereunder for statistical evaluation and research. If such data is ever released to a third party, it shall be released only in aggregate statistical form without identifying you. Medical information may be released only with your written consent or as required by law. It must be signed, dated and must specify the nature of the information and to which persons and organizations it may be disclosed. You may access your own medical records.

We may release your medical information to professional peer review organizations and to the Group for purposes of reporting claims experience or conducting an audit of our operations, provided the information disclosed is reasonably necessary for the Group to conduct the review or audit.

A statement describing our policies and procedures for preserving the confidentiality of medical records is available and will be furnished to you upon request.

### **Conformity with Law**

Any term of the Plan which is in conflict with the laws of the state in which the Group Contract is issued, or with federal law, will hereby be automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

## **Contract with Anthem**

The Group, on behalf of itself and its participants, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that this Plan constitutes a Contract solely between the Group and us, Anthem Health Plans of Virginia, Inc. dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem), and that we are an independent corporation licensed to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Blue Cross Blue Shield marks are registered by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independently licensed Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. and in other countries. Further, we are not contracting as the agent of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association or any other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan or licensee. The Group, on behalf of itself and its participants, further acknowledges and agrees that it has not entered into this Contract based upon representations by any person other than Anthem and that no person, entity, or organization other than Anthem shall be held accountable or liable to the Group for any of Anthem's obligations to the Group created under the Contract. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on our part other than those obligations created under other terms of this agreement.

## **Entire Contract**

Note: The laws of the state in which the Group Contract is issued will apply unless otherwise stated herein.

This Booklet, the Group Contract, the Group application, any riders, endorsements or attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscriber and Dependents constitute the entire Contract between the Group and us and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements. All statements made by the policyholder or by the persons insured shall be deemed representations and not warranties. No written statement made by any person insured shall be used in any contest unless a copy of the statement is furnished to the person or to his beneficiary or personal representative. A copy of any application of the policyholder shall be attached to the policy when issued.

## **Form or Content of Booklet**

No agent or employee of ours is authorized to change the form or content of this Booklet. Changes can only be made through a written authorization, signed by an officer of Anthem.

## **Government Programs**

The benefits under this Plan shall not duplicate any benefits that you are entitled to, or eligible for, under any other governmental program. This does not apply if any particular laws require us to be the primary payer. If we have duplicated such benefits, all money paid by such programs to you for services you have or are receiving, shall be returned by or on your behalf to us.

## **Grace Periods**

If premium payment is not made in full by your Group on or prior to the premium due date, a 31-day grace period shall be granted to your Group for payment. The grace period shall begin on the premium due date and continue for 31 days. During the grace period, coverage shall remain in effect. If payment is not made by your Group within the grace period, Anthem may cancel coverage after the 31-day grace period or 15 days after Anthem has provided your Group with a written or printed notice of termination, including a specific date, whichever is later. Your Group will be liable to Anthem for any premium owed for the time the coverage is in force during a grace period.

## **Group Contribution**

Your Group shall offer Anthem to all Members of the Group on terms no less favorable with respect to the total group contribution than those applicable to such other health benefits coverage as may be available through the Group. Except as hereinafter provided, your group contributions set forth in the premium schedule on the Group Application, and in any subsequent premium revisions, shall not be changed during the term of this Agreement unless such change is agreed to in writing by Anthem. If, however, your Group's contribution to such other coverage as may be available through your Group is increased during the term of this Agreement, your Group agrees to increase its contribution for Anthem coverage, effective the first premium due date following such increase.

## **Incontestability**

The validity of this Group Contract shall not be contested, except for non-payment of premiums, after it has been in force for 2 years from the date indicated on the cover page of the Group Contract. No statement made by an enrollee relating to: (i) his insurability; or (ii) the insurability of his dependents, shall be used in contesting the validity of the coverage of the person about whom the statement was made after coverage has been in force for a period of 2 years. Any such statement must be submitted in writing and signed by the enrollee.

## **Individual Certificates**

Anthem will at its option issue either (1) to the policyholder for delivery to each enrollee, or (2) to each enrollee a certificate setting forth:

1. The enrollee's coverage, including any limitations, reductions and exclusions applicable to the coverage;
2. To whom the insurance benefits are payable;
3. Any family member's or dependent's coverage; and
4. The continuation rights afforded under federal (COBRA) or state law.

## **Legal Action**

No legal action may be brought against Anthem within the 60-day period after proof of loss notice is filed or more than three years after the end of the 90-day period that proof of loss was required to be filed. This limit applies to matters relating to this health plan, to our performance under this health plan, or to any statement made by an employee, officer, or director of Anthem concerning this health plan or the benefits available to a covered person.

## **Medical Policy and Technology Assessment**

Anthem reviews and evaluates new technology according to its technology evaluation criteria developed by its medical directors. Technology assessment criteria are used to determine the Experimental / Investigational status or Medical Necessity of new technology. Guidance and external validation of Anthem's medical policy is provided by the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) which consists of approximately 20 Doctors from various medical specialties including Anthem's medical directors, Doctors in academic medicine and Doctors in private practice.

Conclusions made are incorporated into medical policy used to establish decision protocols for particular diseases or treatments and applied to Medical Necessity criteria used to determine whether a procedure, service, supply or equipment is covered.

## Medicare

Any benefits covered under both this Plan and Medicare will be covered according to Medicare Secondary Payer legislation, regulations, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, subject to federal court decisions. Federal law controls whenever there is a conflict among state law, Booklet terms, and federal law.

Except when federal law requires us to be the primary payer, the benefits under this Plan for Members age 65 and older, or Members otherwise enrolled in Medicare, do not duplicate any benefit for which Members are entitled under Medicare, including Part B. Where Medicare is the responsible payer, all sums payable by Medicare for services provided to you shall be reimbursed by or on your behalf to us, to the extent we have made payment for such services. For the purposes of the calculation of benefits, if you have not enrolled in Medicare Part B when you become eligible due to age, we will calculate benefits as if you had enrolled. **When you become eligible due to age, you should enroll in Medicare Part B as soon as possible to avoid potential liability.**

## Misstatement of Age

If the premiums charged for coverage vary by the age of the covered person, a fair adjustment of premiums shall be made if the age of the covered person has been misstated. Anthem will only be liable to adjust premiums retroactive to the last annual renewal date of this policy.

## Modifications

This Booklet allows the Group to make Plan coverage available to eligible Members. However, this Booklet shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its terms, the Group Contract, or by mutual agreement between the Group and us without the permission or involvement of any Member. Changes will not be effective until the date specified in the written notice we give to the Group about the change. By electing medical and Hospital coverage under the Plan or accepting Plan benefits, all Members who are legally capable of entering into a contract, and the legal representatives of all Members that are incapable of entering into a contract, agree to all terms and conditions in this Booklet.

## Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions

We are not responsible for the actual care you receive from any person. This Booklet does not give anyone any claim, right, or cause of action against Anthem based on the actions of a Provider of health care, services, or supplies.

## Payment Innovation Programs

We pay In-Network Providers through various types of contractual arrangements. Some of these arrangements – Payment Innovation Programs (Program(s)) – may include financial incentives to help improve quality of care and promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner.

These Programs may vary in methodology and subject area of focus and may be modified by us from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of an In-Network Provider's total compensation to pre-defined quality, cost, efficiency or service standards or metrics. In some instances, In-Network Providers may be required to make payment to us under the Program as a consequence of failing to meet these pre-defined standards.

The Programs are not intended to affect your access to health care. The Program payments are not made as payment for specific Covered Services provided to you, but instead, are based on the In-

Network Provider's achievement of these pre-defined standards. You are not responsible for any Copayment or Coinsurance amounts related to payments made by us or to us under the Program(s), and you do not share in any payments made by Network Providers to us under the Program(s).

## **Physical Examinations and Autopsy**

Anthem shall have the right:

- to examine the covered person for whom a claim is made when and as often as it may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim under the policy; and
- to make an autopsy where it is not prohibited by law.

## **Policies and Procedures**

We are able to introduce new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations, as long as they are reasonable. Such changes are introduced to make the Plan more orderly and efficient. Members must follow and accept any new policies, procedures, rules, and interpretations.

Under the terms of the Group Contract, we have the authority, in our sole discretion, to introduce or terminate from time to time, pilot or test programs for disease management or wellness initiatives which may result in the payment of benefits not otherwise specified in this Booklet. We reserve the right to discontinue a pilot or test program at any time.

## **Program Incentives**

We may offer incentives from time to time, at our discretion, in order to introduce you to covered programs and services available under this Plan. The purpose of these incentives include, but is not limited to, making you aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping you achieve your best health, and encouraging you to update member-related information. These incentives may be offered in various forms such as retailer coupons, gift cards, health related merchandise, and discounts on fees or Member cost shares. Acceptance of these incentives is voluntary as long as Anthem offers the incentives program. We may discontinue an incentive for a particular covered program or service at any time. If you have any questions about whether receipt of an incentive or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, we recommend that you consult your tax advisor.

## **Relationship of Parties (Group-Member-Anthem)**

The Group is responsible for passing information to you. For example, if we give notice to the Group, it is the Group's responsibility to pass that information to you. The Group is also responsible for passing eligibility data to us in a timely manner. If the Group does not give us with timely enrollment and termination information, we are not responsible for the payment of Covered Services for Members.

## **Relationship of Parties (Anthem and In-Network Providers)**

The relationship between Anthem and In-Network Providers is an independent contractor relationship. In-Network Providers are not agents or employees of ours, nor is Anthem, or any employee of Anthem, an employee or agent of In-Network Providers.

Your health care Provider is solely responsible for all decisions regarding your care and treatment, regardless of whether such care and treatment is a Covered Service under this Plan. We shall not be responsible for any claim or demand on account of damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by you while receiving care from any In-Network Provider or in any In-Network Provider's Facilities.



Your In-Network Provider's agreement for providing Covered Services may include financial incentives or risk sharing relationships related to the provision of services or referrals to other Providers, including In Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers, and disease management programs. If you have questions regarding such incentives or risk sharing relationships, please contact your Provider or us.

## **Reservation of Discretionary Authority**

This section only applies when the interpretation of this Booklet is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

We, or anyone acting on our behalf, shall determine the administration of benefits and eligibility for participation in such a manner that has a rational relationship to the terms set forth herein. However, we, or anyone acting on our behalf, have complete discretion to determine the administration of your benefits. Our determination shall be final and conclusive and may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, care, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary, Experimental / Investigational, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with the Maximum Allowed Amount. Our decision shall not be overturned unless determined to be arbitrary and capricious. However, a Member may utilize all applicable complaint and appeals procedures.

We, or anyone acting on our behalf, shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable us to carry out the duties in connection with the operation and administration of the Plan. This includes, without limitation, the power to construe the Contract, to determine all questions arising under the Booklet and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations, and procedures with regard to the interpretation and administration of the provisions of this Plan. However, these powers shall be exercised in such a manner that has reasonable relationship to the provisions of the Contract, the Booklet, Provider agreements, and applicable state or federal laws. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language.

## **Right of Recovery and Adjustment**

Whenever payment has been made in error, we will have the right to recover such payment from you or, if applicable, the Provider or otherwise make appropriate adjustment to claims. In most instances such recovery or adjustment activity shall be limited to the calendar year in which the error is discovered

We have oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider and vendor contracts. We may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider or vendor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. Additionally, we have established recovery and adjustment policies to determine which recoveries and adjustments are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery or adjustment amounts. We will not pursue recoveries for overpayments or adjustments for underpayments if the cost of the activity exceeds the overpayment or underpayment amount. We may not give you notice of overpayments made by us or you if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.

## **Unauthorized Use of Identification Card**

If you permit your Identification Card to be used by someone else or if you use the card before coverage is in effect or after coverage has ended, you will be liable for payment of any expenses incurred resulting from the unauthorized use. Fraudulent misuse could also result in termination of the coverage.

## **Value-Added Programs**

We may offer health or fitness related programs to our Members, through which you may access discounted rates from certain vendors for products and services available to the general public. Products

and services available under this program are not Covered Services under your Plan but are in addition to Plan benefits. As such, program features are not guaranteed under your health Plan Contract and could be discontinued at any time. We do not endorse any vendor, product or service associated with this program. Program vendors are solely responsible for the products and services you receive.

## **Value of Covered Services**

For purposes of coordination of benefits, reimbursement of excess benefits, or reimbursement under any Workers' Compensation or Employer Liability Law, the value of Covered Services shall be the amount we paid for the Covered Services.

## **Voluntary Clinical Quality Programs**

We may offer additional opportunities to assist you in obtaining certain covered preventive or other care (e.g., well child check-ups or certain laboratory screening tests) that you have not received in the recommended timeframe. These opportunities are called voluntary clinical quality programs. They are designed to encourage you to get certain care when you need it and are separate from Covered Services under your Plan. These programs are not guaranteed and could be discontinued at any time. We will give you the choice and if you choose to participate in one of these programs, and obtain the recommended care within the program's timeframe, you may receive incentives such as gift cards or retailer coupons, which we encourage you to use for health and wellness related activities or items. Under other clinical quality programs, you may receive a home test kit that allows you to collect the specimen for certain covered laboratory tests at home and mail it to the laboratory for processing. You may also be offered a home visit appointment to collect such specimens and complete biometric screenings. You may need to pay any cost shares that normally apply to such covered laboratory tests (e.g., those applicable to the laboratory processing fee) but will not need to pay for the home test kit or the home visit. If you have any questions about whether receipt of a gift card or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, we recommend that you consult your tax advisor.

## **Voluntary Wellness Incentive Programs**

We may offer health or fitness related program options for purchase by your Group to help you achieve your best health. These programs are not Covered Services under your Plan, but are separate components, which are not guaranteed under this Plan and could be discontinued at any time. If your Group has selected one of these options to make available to all employees, you may receive incentives such as gift cards by participating in or completing such voluntary wellness promotion programs as health assessments, weight management or tobacco cessation coaching. Under other options a Group may select, you may receive such incentives by achieving specified standards based on health factors under wellness programs that comply with applicable law. If you think you might be unable to meet the standard, you might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. You may contact us at the Member Services number on your ID card and we will work with you (and, if you wish, your Doctor) to find a wellness program with the same reward that is right for you in light of your health status. (If you receive a gift card as a wellness reward and use it for purposes other than for qualified medical expenses, this may result in taxable income to you. For additional guidance, please consult your tax advisor.)

## **Waiver**

No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of Anthem, is able to disregard any conditions or restrictions contained in this Booklet, to extend the amount of time for making a payment to us, or to bind

us by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

### **Workers' Compensation**

The benefits under this Plan are not designed to duplicate benefits that you are eligible for under Workers' Compensation Law. All money paid or owed by Workers' Compensation for services provided to you shall be paid back by, or on your behalf, to us if we have made payment for the services received. It is understood that coverage under this Plan does not replace or affect any Workers' Compensation coverage requirements.

## Definitions

If a word or phrase in this Booklet has a special meaning, such as Medical Necessity or Experimental / Investigational, it will start with a capital letter, and be defined below. If you have questions on any of these definitions, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Accidental Injury**

An unexpected Injury for which you need Covered Services while enrolled in this Plan. It does not include injuries that you get benefits for under any Workers' Compensation, Employer's liability or similar law.

### **Ambulatory Surgical Facility**

A Facility, with a staff of Doctors, that:

1. Is licensed as required;
2. Has permanent facilities and equipment to perform surgical procedures on an Outpatient basis;
3. Gives treatment by or under the supervision of Doctors, and nursing services when the patient is in the Facility;
4. Does not have Inpatient accommodations; and
5. Is not, other than incidentally, used as an office or clinic for the private practice of a Doctor or other professional Provider.

### **Authorized Service(s)**

A Covered Service you get from an Out-of-Network Provider that we have agreed to cover at the In-Network level. You will have to pay any In-Network Deductible, Coinsurance, and/or Copayment(s) that apply, and may also have to pay the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge. Please see "Claims Payment" for more details.

### **Benefit Period**

The length of time we will cover benefits for Covered Services. For Calendar Year plans, the Benefit Period starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. For Plan Year plans, the Benefit Period starts on your Group's effective or renewal date and lasts for 12 months. (See your Group for details.) The Schedule of Benefits shows if your Plan's Benefit Period is a Calendar Year or a Plan Year. If your coverage ends before the end of the year, then your Benefit Period also ends.

### **Benefit Period Maximum**

The most we will cover for a Covered Service during a Benefit Period.

### **Biosimilar/Biosimilars**

A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA-approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product.

### **Booklet**

This document (also called the Certificate of Coverage), which describes the terms of your benefits. It is part of the Group Contract with your Employer, and is also subject to the terms of the Group Contract.

### **Brand Name Drug**

Prescription Drugs that we classify as Brand Drugs or our PBM has classified as Brand Name Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database.

## **Centers of Excellence (COE) Network**

A network of health care facilities, which have been selected to give specific services to our Members based on their experience, outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness. An In-Network Provider under this Plan is not necessarily a COE. To be a COE, the Provider must have signed a Center of Excellence Agreement with us.

## **Coinsurance**

Your share of the cost for Covered Services, which is a percent of the Maximum Allowed Amount. You normally pay Coinsurance after you meet your Deductible. For example, if your Plan lists 20% Coinsurance on office visits, and the Maximum Allowed Amount is \$100, your Coinsurance would be \$20 after you meet the Deductible. The Plan would then cover the rest of the Maximum Allowed Amount. See the “Schedule of Benefits” for details.

## **Controlled Substances**

Drugs and other substances that are considered controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which are divided into five schedules.

## **Copayment**

A fixed amount you pay toward a Covered Service. You normally have to pay the Copayment when you get health care. The amount can vary by the type of Covered Service you get. For example, you may have to pay a \$15 Copayment for an office visit, but a \$150 Copayment for Emergency Room Services. See the “Schedule of Benefits” for details. Your Copayment will be the lesser of the amount shown in the “Schedule of Benefits” or the Maximum Allowed Amount.

## **Covered Services**

Health care services, supplies, or treatment described in this Booklet that are given to you by a Provider. To be a Covered Service the service, supply or treatment must be:

- Medically Necessary or specifically included as a benefit under this Booklet.
- Within the scope of the Provider’s license.
- Given while you are covered under the Plan.
- Not Experimental / Investigational, excluded, or limited by this Booklet, or by any amendment or rider to this Booklet.
- Approved by us before you get the service if prior authorization is needed.

A charge for a Covered Service will apply on the date the service, supply, or treatment was given to you.

The date for applying Deductible and other cost shares for an Inpatient stay is the date of you enter the Facility except as described in “Benefits After Termination Of Coverage.”

Covered Services do not include services or supplies not described in the Provider records.

## **Covered Transplant Procedure**

Please see the “What’s Covered” section for details.

## **Custodial Care**

Any type of care, including room and board, that (a) does not require the skills of professional or technical workers; (b) is not given to you or supervised by such workers or does not meet the rules for post-Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility care; and (c) is given when you have already reached the greatest level of physical or mental health and are not likely to improve further.

Custodial Care includes any type of care meant to help you with activities of daily living that does not require the skill of trained medical or paramedical workers. Examples of Custodial Care include:

- Help in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, eating, or using the toilet,
- Changing dressings of non-infected wounds, after surgery or chronic conditions,
- Preparing meals and/or special diets,
- Feeding by utensil, tube, or gastrostomy,
- Common skin and nail care,
- Supervising medicine that you can take yourself,
- Catheter care, general colostomy or ileostomy care,
- Routine services which we decide can be safely done by you or a non-medical person without the help of trained medical and paramedical workers,
- Residential care and adult day care,
- Protective and supportive care, including education,
- Rest and convalescent care.

Care can be Custodial even if it is recommended by a professional or performed in a Facility, such as a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility, or at home.

### **Deductible**

The amount you must pay for Covered Services before benefits begin under this Plan. For example, if your Deductible is \$1,000, your Plan won't cover anything until you meet the \$1,000 Deductible. The Deductible may not apply to all Covered Services. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits" for details.

### **Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care**

A service for pediatric members used to treat malocclusion of teeth and associated dental and facial disharmonies. Certain criteria must be met in order for Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care to be covered. See the Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care benefit description in the "Orthodontic Treatment" section for more information.

### **Dependent**

A member of the Subscriber's family who meets the rules listed in the "Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members" section and who has enrolled in the Plan.

### **Designated Pharmacy Provider**

An In-Network Pharmacy that has executed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with us or an In-Network Provider that is designated to provide Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, to treat certain conditions.

### **Doctor**

See the definition of "Physician."

### **Effective Date**

The date your coverage begins under this Plan.

### **Emergency (Emergency Medical Condition)**

Please see the "What's Covered" section.

## Emergency Care

Please see the "What's Covered" section.

## Enrollment Date

The first day you are covered under the Plan or, if the Group imposes a waiting period, the first day of your waiting period.

## Excluded Services (Exclusion)

Health care services your Plan doesn't cover.

## Experimental or Investigational (Experimental / Investigational)

Means any service or supply that is judged to be experimental or investigative at Anthem's sole discretion. Nothing in this exclusion shall prevent a member from appealing Anthem's decision that a service is experimental / investigative. Services which do not meet each of the following criteria will be excluded from coverage as experimental/investigative:

1. Any supply or drug used must have received final approval to market by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") for the particular indication or application in question. Moreover, quantities of any drug or medication used must be within recommended maximum daily dose or duration established by the FDA or any of the standard reference compendia defined below.

There are two exceptions which apply when a drug has received final approval to market by the FDA, but not for the particular indication or application in question.

- This criterion will be satisfied if the use of the drug is recognized for treatment of the indication or application in any of the following resources:
  - the following three standard reference compendia defined below:
    - American Hospital Formulary Service - Drug Information
    - National Comprehensive Cancer Network's Drugs & Biologics Compendium
    - Elsevier Gold Standard's Clinical Pharmacology
  - in substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical literature. Peer-reviewed medical literature means a scientific study published only after having been critically reviewed for scientific accuracy, validity, and reliability by unbiased independent experts. This study must appear in a journal that has been determined by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors to have met the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals. Peer-reviewed medical literature does not include publications or supplements to publications that are sponsored to a significant extent by a pharmaceutical manufacturing company or health carrier; or
- In the case where the drug is being used for the treatment of a specific type of cancer, this criterion will be satisfied if the use of the drug is recognized as safe and effective for treatment of the specific type of cancer in any of the standard reference compendia.

Despite the above two exceptions, this criterion will not be satisfied if the FDA has determined that use of the drug is not recommended for the treatment of the specific indication for which it is prescribed.

2. There must be enough information in the peer-reviewed medical and scientific literature to let us judge the safety and efficacy.
3. The available scientific evidence must show a good effect on health outcomes outside a research setting.
4. The service or supply must be as safe and effective outside a research setting as current diagnostic or therapeutic options.

New technologies are evaluated against these criteria to determine if services should be included as a covered benefit or considered experimental/investigative.

## **Facility**

A facility including but not limited to, a Hospital, freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility, Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility, Residential Treatment Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, Home Health Care Agency or mental health facility, as defined in this Booklet. The Facility must be licensed, accredited, registered or approved by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), as applicable or meet specific rules set by us.

## **Functional Impairment**

Limits on normal physical functioning that may include, but are not limited to, problems with ambulation, mobilization, communication, respiration, eating, swallowing, vision, facial expression, skin integrity, distortion of nearby body parts, or obstruction of an orifice. The cause of the physical functional impairment can be due to pain, structural, congenital or other means. Physical functional impairment excludes social, emotional, and psychological impairments or potential impairments.

## **Generic Drugs**

Prescription Drugs that we classify as Generic Drugs or that our PBM has classified as Generic Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database. Generic Drugs have the same active ingredients, must meet the same FDA rules for safety, purity and potency, and must be given in the same form (tablet, capsule, cream) as the Brand Name Drug.

## **Group**

The employer or other organization (e.g., association), which has a Group Contract with us, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for this Plan.

## **Group Contract (or Contract)**

The Contract between us, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and the Group (also known as the Group Master Contract). It includes this Booklet, your application, any application or change form, your Identification Card, any endorsements, riders or amendments, and any legal terms added by us to the original Contract.

The Group Master Contract is kept on file by the Group. If a conflict occurs between the Group Master Contract and this Booklet, the Group Master Contract controls.

## **Home Health Care Agency**

A Facility, licensed in the state in which it is located, that:

1. Gives skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in your home; and
2. Supervises the delivery of services under a plan prescribed and approved in writing by the attending Doctor.

## **Hormonal Contraceptives**

Means a medication taken to prevent pregnancy by means of ingestion of hormones, including medications containing estrogen or progesterone, that is self-administered, requires a prescription, and is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for such purpose.



## **Hospice**

A Provider that gives care to terminally ill patients and their families, either directly or on a consulting basis with the patient's Doctor. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency.

## **Hospital**

A Provider licensed and operated as required by law, which has:

1. room, board, and nursing care;
2. a staff with one or more Doctors on hand at all times;
3. 24 hour nursing service;
4. all the facilities on site are needed to diagnose, care, and treat an illness or injury; and
5. Is fully accredited by The Joint Commission.

The term Hospital does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

1. nursing care
2. rest care
3. convalescent care
4. care of the aged
5. custodial care
6. educational care
7. subacute care
8. treatment of alcohol abuse
9. treatment of drug abuse

## **Identification Card**

The card we give you that shows your Member identification, Group numbers, and the plan you have.

## **In-Network Provider**

A Provider that has a contract, either directly or indirectly, with us, or another organization, to give Covered Services to Members through negotiated payment arrangements. A Provider that is In-Network for one plan may not be In-Network for another. Please see "How to Find a Provider in the Network" in the section "How Your Plan Works" for more information on how to find an In-Network Provider for this Plan.

## **In-Network Transplant Provider**

Please see the "What's Covered" section for details.

## **Inpatient**

A Member who is treated as a registered bed patient in a Hospital and for whom a room and board charge is made.

## **Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Program**

A range of therapy services provided in the home to address symptoms and behaviors that, as the result of a mental disorder or substance use disorder, put the Members and others at risk of harm.

## **Intensive Outpatient Program**

Short-term behavioral health treatment that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy.

### **Interchangeable Biologic Product**

A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA-approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product. In addition to meeting the biosimilarity standard, it is expected to produce the same clinical result as the reference product in any given patient.

### **Late Enrollees**

Subscribers or Dependents who enroll in the Plan after the initial enrollment period. A person will not be considered a Late Enrollee if he or she enrolls during a Special Enrollment period. Please see the “Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members” section for further details.

### **Maintenance Medications**

Please see the “Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy” section for details.

### **Maintenance Pharmacy**

An In-Network Retail Pharmacy that is contracted with our PBM to dispense a 90 day supply of Maintenance Medication.

### **Maximum Allowed Amount**

The allowance as determined by Anthem for a specified covered service or the provider’s charge for that service, whichever is less. For more information, see the “Claims Payment” section.

### **Medical Necessity (Medically Necessary)**

To be considered medically necessary, a service must:

- be required to identify or treat an illness, injury, or pregnancy-related condition;
- be consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment of your condition;
- be in accordance with standards of generally accepted medical practice; and
- be the most suitable supply or level of service that can safely treat the condition and not be for the convenience of the patient, patient’s family, or the provider.

### **Member**

People, including the Subscriber and his or her Dependents, who have met the eligibility rules, applied for coverage, and enrolled in the Plan. Members are called “you” and “your” in this Booklet.

### **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder**

Is a condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health or substance use disorder condition.

### **Open Enrollment**

A period of time in which eligible people or their dependents can enroll without penalty after the initial enrollment. See the “Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members” section for more details.

### **Out-of-Network Provider**

A Provider that does not have an agreement or contract with us, or our subcontractor(s) to give services to our Members.

You will often get a lower level of benefits when you use Out-of-Network Providers.

### **Out-of-Network Transplant Provider**

Please see the “What’s Covered” section for details.

### **Out-of-Pocket Limit**

The most you pay in Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance during a Benefit Period for Covered Services. The Out-of-Pocket limit does *not* include your Premium, amounts over the Maximum Allowed Amount, or charges for health care that your Plan doesn’t cover. Please see the “Schedule of Benefits” for details.

### **Partial Hospitalization Program**

Structured, short-term behavioral health treatment that offers nursing care and active treatment in a program that operates no less than 6 hours per day, 5 days per week.

### **Pharmacy**

A place licensed by state law where you can get Prescription Drugs and other medicines from a licensed pharmacist when you have a prescription from your Doctor.

### **Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process**

A process to make clinically based recommendations that will help you access quality, low cost medicines within your Plan. The process includes health care professionals such as nurses, pharmacists, and Doctors. The committees of the National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Process meet regularly (at least annually) to talk about and find the clinical and financial value of medicines for our Members. This process first evaluates the clinical evidence of each product under review. The clinical review is then combined with an in-depth review of the market dynamics, Member impact and financial value to make choices for the formulary. Our programs may include, but are not limited to, Drug utilization programs, prior authorization criteria, therapeutic conversion programs, cross-branded initiatives, and Drug profiling initiatives.

### **Physician (Doctor)**

Includes the following when licensed by law:

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) legally entitled to practice medicine and perform surgery,
- Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) legally licensed to perform the duties of a D.O.,
- Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), legally licensed to perform the duties of a chiropractor;
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) legally entitled to practice podiatry, and
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.D.M.), Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), legally entitled to provide dental services.

Optometrists, Clinical Psychologists (PhD), and surgical chiropodists are also Providers when legally licensed and giving Covered Services within the scope of their licenses.

### **Plan**

The benefit plan your Group has purchased, which is described in this Booklet.

### **Precertification**

Please see the section “Getting Approval for Benefits” for details.

## **Premium**

The amount that you and/or the Group must pay to be covered by this Plan. This may be based on your age and will depend on the Group's Contract with us.

## **Prescription Drug (Drug) (Also referred to as Legend Drug)**

A medicine that is approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to treat illness or injury. Under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, such substances must bear a message on its original packing label that says, "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription." This includes the following:

- 1) Compounded (combination) medications, when all of the ingredients are FDA-approved as designated in the FDA's Orange Book: *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA-approved product from a drug manufacturer.
- 2) Insulin, diabetic supplies, and syringes.

## **Prescription Order**

A written request by a Provider, as permitted by law, for a Prescription Drug or medication, and each authorized refill.

## **Primary Care Physician ("PCP")**

A Physician who gives or directs health care services for you. The Physician may work in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics or any other practice allowed by the Plan.

## **Primary Care Providers**

A Physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, physician assistant, or any other Provider licensed by law and allowed under the Plan, who gives, directs, or helps you get a range of health care services.

## **Provider**

A professional or Facility licensed by law that gives health care services within the scope of that license and is approved by us. This includes any Provider that state law says we must cover (chiropractor, optometrist, optician, professional counselor, psychologist, clinical social worker, podiatrist, physical therapist, chiropodist, clinical nurse specialist who renders mental health services, audiologist, speech pathologist, certified nurse midwife, marriage and family therapist or licensed acupuncturist) when they give you services that state law says we must cover. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Booklet. If you have a question about a Provider not described in this Booklet please call the number on the back of your Identification Card.

## **Referral**

Please see the "How Your Plan Works" section for details.

## **Residential Treatment Center / Facility:**

A Provider licensed and operated as required by law, which includes:

1. Room, board and skilled nursing care (either an RN or LVN/LPN) available on-site at least eight hours daily with 24 hour availability;
2. A staff with one or more Doctors available at all times.
3. Residential treatment takes place in a structured facility-based setting.
4. The resources and programming to adequately diagnose, care and treat a psychiatric disorder, eating disorder and/or substance use disorder.

5. Facilities are designated residential, subacute, or intermediate care and may occur in care systems that provide multiple levels of care.
6. Is fully accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO), or the Council on Accreditation (COA)

The term Residential Treatment Center/Facility does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

1. Nursing care
2. Rest care
3. Convalescent care
4. Care of the aged
5. Custodial Care
6. Educational care

### **Retail Health Clinic**

A Facility that gives limited basic health care services to Members on a “walk-in” basis. These clinics are often found in major pharmacies or retail stores. Medical services are typically given by Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners.

### **Service Area**

The geographical area where you can get Covered Services from an In-Network Provider. For the purposes of offering coverage and determining eligibility, the service area for Anthem is all of Virginia, excluding the City of Fairfax, the Town of Vienna and the area east of State Route 123.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility**

A Facility operated alone or with a Hospital that cares for you after a Hospital stay when you have a condition that needs more care than you can get at home. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency and accredited by The Joint Commission or the Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association, or otherwise approved by us. A Skilled Nursing Facility gives the following:

1. Inpatient care and treatment for people who are recovering from an illness or injury;
2. Care supervised by a Doctor;
3. 24 hour per day nursing care supervised by a full-time registered nurse.

A Skilled Nursing Facility is not a place mainly for care of the aged, Custodial Care or domiciliary care, treatment of alcohol or drug dependency; or a place for rest, educational, or similar services.

### **Special Enrollment**

A period of time in which eligible people or their dependents can enroll after the initial enrollment, typically due to an event such as marriage, birth, adoption, etc. See the “Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members” section for more details.

### **Specialist (Specialty Care Physician \ Provider or SCP)**

A Specialist is a Doctor who focuses on a specific area of medicine or group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-Physician Specialist is a Provider who has added training in a specific area of health care.

### **Specialty Drugs**

Drugs that typically need close supervision and checking of their effect on the patient by a medical professional. These drugs often need special handling, such as temperature-controlled packaging and overnight delivery, and are often not available at retail pharmacies. They may be administered in many forms including, but not limited to, injectable, infused, oral and inhaled.

### **Subscriber**

An employee or member of the Group who is eligible for and has enrolled in the Plan.

### **Telemedicine Services**

Means the use of electronic technology or media, including interactive audio or video, for the purpose of diagnosing or treating a patient or consulting with other health care providers regarding a patient's diagnosis or treatment. "Telemedicine Services" does not include an audio-only telephone, electronic mail message, facsimile transmission, or online questionnaire.

### **Transplant Benefit Period**

Please see the "What's Covered" section for details.

### **Urgent Care Center**

A licensed health care Facility that is separate from a Hospital and whose main purpose is giving immediate, short-term medical care, without an appointment, for urgent care.

### **Utilization Review**

Evaluation of the necessity, quality, effectiveness, or efficiency of medical or behavioral health services, Prescription Drugs (as set forth in the section Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider), procedures, and/or facilities.

# Get help in your language

**Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version:**

You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for members with visual impairments. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the Member Services telephone number on the back of your ID card.

**Spanish**

Tiene el derecho de obtener esta información y ayuda en su idioma en forma gratuita. Llame al número de Servicios para Miembros que figura en su tarjeta de identificación para obtener ayuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

**Amharic**

ይህንን መረጃ እና እገዛ በቋንቋዎ በነጻ እገዛ የማግኘት መብት አልዎት። ለእገዛ በመታወቂያዎ ላይ ያለውን የአባል አገልግሎቶች ቁጥር ይደውሉ። (TTY/TDD: 711)

**Arabic**

يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمساعدة بلغتك مجانًا. اتصل برقم خدمات الأعضاء الموجود على بطاقة التعريف الخاصة بك للمساعدة (TTY/TDD: 711).

**Bassa**

Ṁ bédé dyí-bèdèin-dèò b́é m̀ ké b́ǎ nìà ke kè gbo-kpá- kpá dyé d́é m̀ bíd́í-wùdùùnn b́ó pídyi. D́á mébà jè gbo-gm̀ò Kpòè nòbà nìà nì Dyí-dyoìn-bèṣ kṣe b́é m̀ ké gbo-kpá-kpá dyé. (TTY/TDD: 711)

**Bengali**

আপনার বিনামূল্যে এই তথ্য পাওয়ার ও আপনার ভাষায় সাহায্য করার অধিকার আছে। সাহায্যের জন্য আপনার আইডি কার্ডে থাকা সদস্য পরিষেবা নম্বরে কল করুন। (TTY/TDD: 711)

**Chinese**

您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請撥打您的 ID 卡上的成員服務號碼尋求協助。(TTY/TDD: 711)

**Farsi**

شما این حق را دارید که این اطلاعات و کمکها را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک به شماره مرکز خدمات

اعضاء كه بر روى كارت شناسايىتان درج شده است، تماس بگيريد. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### French

Vous avez le droit d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour cela, veuillez appeler le numéro des Services destinés aux membres qui figure sur votre carte d'identification. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### German

Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Rufen Sie die auf Ihrer ID-Karte angegebene Servicenummer für Mitglieder an, um Hilfe anzufordern. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Hindi

आपके पास यह जानकारी और मदद अपनी भाषा में मुफ्त में प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। मदद के लिए अपने ID कार्ड पर सदस्य सेवाएँ नंबर पर कॉल करें। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Igbo

Ị nwere ikike ịnweta ozi a yana enyemaka n'asụsụ gị n'efu. Kpọọ nomba Ọrụ Onye Otu dị na kaadị NJ gị maka enyemaka. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Korean

귀하에게는 무료로 이 정보를 얻고 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 얻으려면 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 회원 서비스 번호로 전화하십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Russian

Вы имеете право получить данную информацию и помощь на вашем языке бесплатно. Для получения помощи звоните в отдел обслуживания участников по номеру, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Tagalog

May karapatan kayong makuha ang impormasyon at tulong na ito sa ginagamit ninyong wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa numero ng Member Services na nasa inyong ID card para sa tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Urdu

آپ کو اپنی زبان میں مفت ان معلومات اور مدد کے حصول کا حق ہے۔ مدد کے لیے اپنے آئی ڈی کارڈ پر موجود ممبر سروس نمبر کو کال کریں۔ (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Vietnamese

Quý vị có quyền nhận miễn phí thông tin này và sự trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Hãy gọi cho số Dịch Vụ Thành Viên trên thẻ ID của quý vị để được giúp đỡ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Yoruba

O ní ètò láti gba ìwífún yíí kí o sì sèrànwọ ní èdè rẹ lófèfẹ. Pe Nọmbà àwọn ìpèsè ọmọ-ẹgbẹ lóri káàdì idánimọ rẹ fún ìrànwọ. (TTY/TDD: 711)



**It's important we treat you fairly**

That's why we follow federal civil rights laws in our health programs and activities. We don't discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For people with disabilities, we offer free aids and services. For people whose primary language isn't English, we offer free language assistance services through interpreters and other written languages. Interested in these services? Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help (TTY/TDD: 711). If you think we failed to offer these services or discriminated based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a complaint, also known as a grievance. You can file a complaint with our Compliance Coordinator in writing to Compliance Coordinator, P.O. Box 27401, Richmond, VA 23279 or by email to [compliance.coordinator@anthem.com](mailto:compliance.coordinator@anthem.com). Or you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW; Room 509F, HHH Building; Washington, D.C. 20201 or by calling 1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1- 800-537-7697) or online at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf> . Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.